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Grayling doctor helps save teen after accident

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A Grayling doctor saved the life of a teenage boy who was acting as a Good Samaritan, trying to help a stuck motorist after a three-car accident on Saturday.

Dr. Brian Gedeon, who practices internal medicine and pediatric medicine for Mercy Professional Services in Grayling, was in the Traverse City area on Saturday, running errands and shopping with his wife, Stacey Gedeon.

On their way back to their Roscommon County home, the Gedeons came upon a crash that occurred near South Boardman.

State Police said the accident occurred about 3 p.m. Saturday, on Supply Road near Bald Eagle Ridge, in Grand Traverse County's Union Township.

The first car slid off the roadway and collided with a snow bank. A second car, containing a mother, her son and her daughter, had stopped to help the stranded motorist and pulled their car in front of the stuck vehicle. A SUV soon came around the curve and tried to avoid the accident, but collided with the others, pinning the mother and boy between the cars as they were trying to get supplies out of their trunk to help the stuck motorist.

"It looked like bumper to bumper impact as that car was pushed forward," Gedeon said.

As others had arrived on the

scene to provide blankets to accident victims, Gedeon questioned the boy and the mother about the extent of their injuries. The boy had called a friend on a cell phone, and Gedeon asked him to end the call.

Gedeon got a medical kit that he carries in his vehicle, and began addressing the boy's wounds. He cut open the boy's pant leg, and found that he was bleeding severely and that the leg was nearly amputated due to the amount of bone and tissue that had been damaged.

"It was a pretty gory scene as far as the amount of blood and tissue that was exposed," Gedeon said.

Gedeon used a bungee cord, obtained from another motorist who stopped at the scene, to apply a tourniquet above the wound. He then began to bandage the wound to protect the damaged tissue from exposure to the elements.

Gedeon further wrapped the leg with gauze obtained from Troopers from the Traverse City Post of the Michigan State Police, when they arrived at the scene.

Stacey Gedeon, a clinical psychologist who practices in Grayling, was able to divert the boy's attention away from his injuries while he was being treated, talking to him about his interests and school activities.

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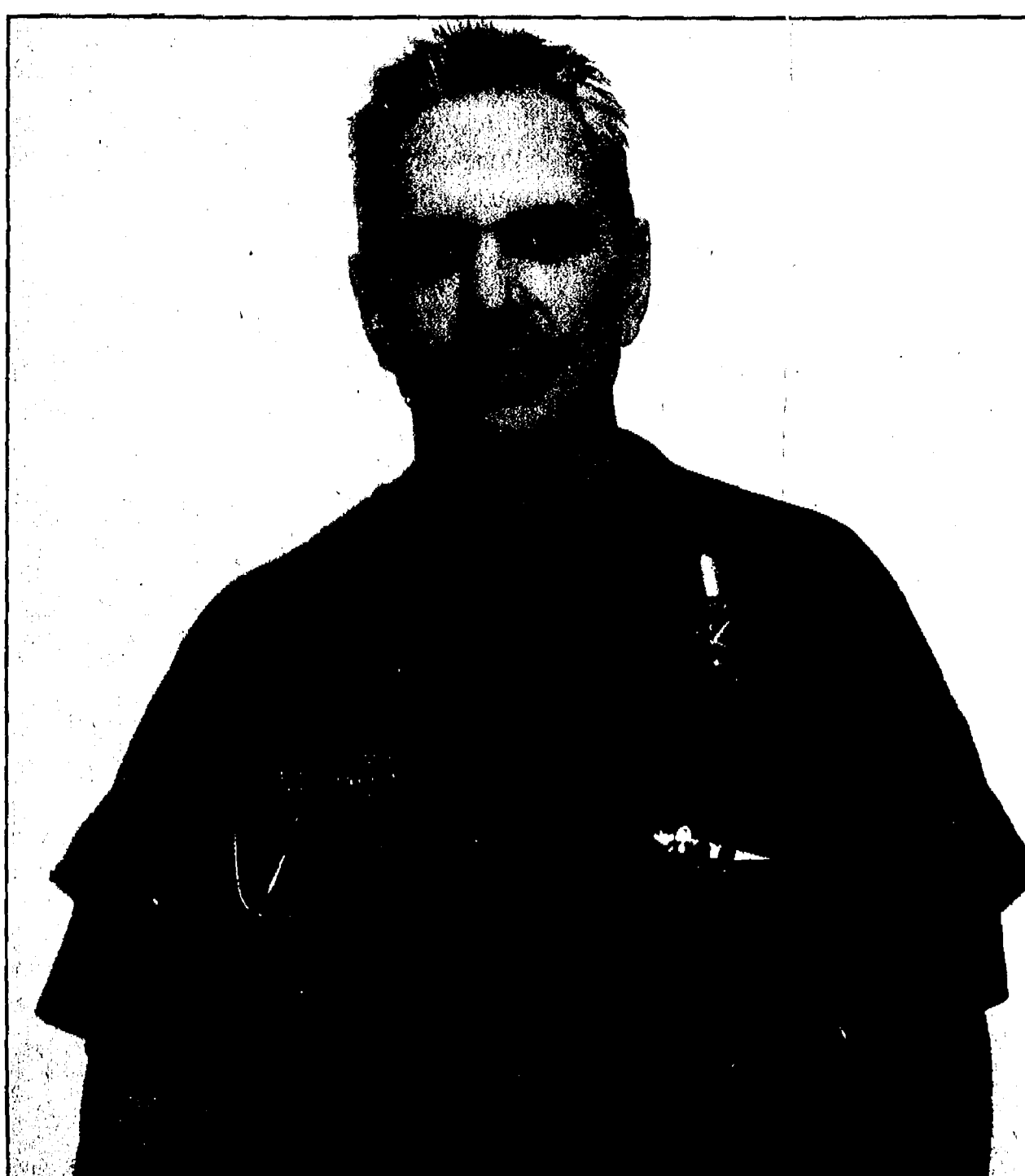


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Dr. Brian Gedeon, above, who practices internal medicine and pediatric medicine for Mercy Professional Services in Grayling, was returning from the Traverse City area on Saturday, and was able to help save the life of a teen boy who was severely injured while trying to help a stuck motorist.

Proposal made to end fire department rift

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

Barring acceptance of an 11th hour proposal to end the dispute over the operation of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department, the lawsuit between the municipalities will be headed to court next month.

A hearing, for the lawsuit filed by the Grayling Charter Township Board against the City of Grayling, has been scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 3, in the Crawford County Circuit Court.

The township board of trustees, at a special meeting held on Jan. 9, unanimously authorized that the lawsuit be filed against the City of Grayling. Township officials are seeking the return of a committee of township and city officials to oversee the operations of the Grayling City/Township Fire Department. If that remedy can not be reached, the township is asking 46th Circuit Court Judge Janet Allen to authorize the division of fire department assets and equipment owned by the township and the city.

The lawsuit was prompted after failed negotiations to renew a mutual operating agree-

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Lawmakers leap on snowmobiles for tour

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

A group of state lawmakers toured northern Michigan last weekend on snowmobiles, promoting the sport and listening to local snowmobiling and tourism issues.

State Sens. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, Tony Stamas, R-Midland, and Reps. Kevin Elsenheimer, R-Bellaire, and John Moolenaar, R-Midland, teamed with members of the Michigan Snowmobile Association (MSA) to explore northern Michigan on their sleds and witness the impact of winter tourism. Former Speaker of the House Rick Johnson joined the group for the three-day snowmobile ride.

This is the fifth year that Allen, who is chairman of the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee, has planned the tour. The excursion has been cancelled the last two years, due to lack of winter weather.

"The snowmobile tour allows me to see firsthand the significant economic impact that winter tourism has on northern Michigan," Allen said. "Winter

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City officials hike parking fine fee

by Dan Sanderson
Staff Writer

People who violate parking regulations in the City of Grayling will now be hit a lot harder in the pocket book, since changes were made by city officials last week.

The Grayling City Council, at its regular monthly meeting last week, approved amendments to the city's parking violations bureau ordinance.

Under the changes, the fine for a parking violation will be increased from \$5 to \$20, if the fine is paid within seven days. If the ticket is not paid within a week's time, the fine increases to \$30.

The new fines go into effect on Feb. 17, after the ordinance amendments are published in the *Crawford County Avalanche*.

City officials also clarified the language regarding parking violations in the ordinance. The number of violations was also reduced from 35 to 20 violations. Language, such as parking large trucks on Michigan Avenue, or vehicles pulling trailers, were eliminated from

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Hartwick Pines hosts snowshoe hike



Hartwick Pines hosted their annual snowshoe hike through the park on Saturday. Above, Craig Kasmer, a park interpreter, talks with a group about Hartwick Pines in the winter. Below, snowshoers take a guided tour through the park's trails.



Lawmakers leap on snowmobiles for tour

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 in Michigan is a time for snowmobile enthusiasts everywhere.

to enjoy the great scenery and adventure that our state has to offer."

The group left Gaylord on Friday, traveling to Indian River before making their way to Cheboygan. On Saturday, the state lawmakers made their way to Alpena, stopping along the way in Presque Isle County. They discussed funding for a trail that would run through Rogers City and would connect existing trails with the Presque Isle Snowmobile Club. On Sunday, the group traveled to Lewiston before returning to Gaylord.

The lawmakers talked about formulating plans for new trails, trail grooming with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), promoting winter tourism and promoting northern Michigan as a winter

destination where people can play in the snow.

"We'll take that input and see if we can facilitate some better dialogue between the DNR and the snowmobile clubs to support the development of new trails and trail grooming," Allen said.

The snowmobiles, used by lawmakers, were provided by the MSA and are normally used for safety and educational programs.

Stamas, whose district includes Crawford County, said he appreciated being able to hear concerns from the snowmobile clubs and help promote snowmobiling.

"We've worked with these clubs a lot over the years, and it's great being able to see what their challenges are and what opportunities there are," Stamas said.

Stamas also said he likes to witness the scene as dozens of snowmobilers glide into a small town, sparking activity at gas stations, restaurants and other businesses.

"You can really see the impact it makes for a lot of small businesses that otherwise might be having kind of a slow time," Stamas said.

Rich Filley, president of the AuSable Valley Snowmobile Association, said he is thankful that the legislators are trying to foster ongoing relationships with local snowmobile clubs and tourism officials.

"It's a good thing that there are people in Lansing that are looking at snowmobiling as a whole, because it is very important to the northern Michigan economy and it is dwindling quickly," Filley said.

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"He was incredibly brave throughout the entire process," Brian Gedeon said.

Gedeon, who treated the boy for 15 minutes, helped brace the boy's leg and assisted EMS when they put him into an ambulance.

Gedeon said he stops at the scene of every accident that he goes by, but this was the first time he has been able to render

aid as a first-responder.

"Had I not cut back his pants to see how bad his leg was, he probably would have bled out right on the road before they got to him," Gedeon said.

Gedeon, who has been a doctor for six years, said he was glad to be in the right place at the right time to help the youngster.

"Whether it was divine intervention, I don't know," he said. "I feel lucky and blessed to have been there to help."

State police have not released

the names of the people involved in the accident, some of whom were from Kalkaska. The driver of the SUV was from downstate.

Gedeon said it is frustrating to not know what happened to the boy, since federal laws prevent doctors and hospitals from disclosing information about patients, which prevented him from checking on the teen's outcome.

"I wish him the best and I hope he makes a full recovery," he said.

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the ordinance, said Grayling City Manager David Thayer. A violation for parking in front of the Rialto Theatre was also removed from the ordinance.

The ordinance precludes someone from parking within 50 feet from the entrance of a fire hall, Thayer said. The former ordinance had two different standards for parking near a fire hall.

City officials last updated the parking violations ordinance in 1989, Thayer said. The ordinance was initially adopted in 1969.

"It's a very sound ordinance, and the fines are in tune with today," Thayer said.

Grayling City officials are updating the city ordinances to clarify the rules and regulations used to govern the community.

The city ordinances are being codified so that the regulations are kept in an efficient and complete form for the citizens and city officials to understand.

Each ordinance is being reviewed by city officials and Municipal Code, a Tallahassee, Fla. law firm, to make sure the ordinances are clear, comprehensive and comply with state laws, Thayer said.

"This is an opportunity to make sure our ordinances are well written and are up to date," he said.

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Wertz Warriors travel through Crawford County



Saturday, the Wertz Warriors ended their 27th annual snowmobile endurance ride after zigzagging across northern Michigan and visiting the Michigan Special Olympics Winter Games at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme. Since the first ride in 1982, the Wertz Warriors have traveled a combined 973,000 miles on their snowmobiles and have raised over \$7.3 million for the Special Olympics. The Wertz Warriors stayed at the Ramada Inn in Grayling and had breakfast at the Swamp II Bar and Restaurant in Frederic, while on their journey. Right, Linda Krajewski, owner of the Swamp II Bar and Restaurant, receives a plaque from Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, the former Detroit Tiger pitcher and honorary Wertz Warrior. She presented the Wertz Warriors with a check for more than \$700. Above, a group of Wertz Warriors ride off after stopping at the Swamp II Bar and Restaurant.

Proposal made to end fire department rift

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ment between the city and the township, which expired in June 2007.

The Grayling City Council has proposed that the Grayling City/Township Fire Department be considered as a department of the city, and should be administered by Grayling City Manager David Thayer.

Thayer would administer Fire Chief Russell Strohpaal and would evaluate his performance. An advisory committee, made up of representatives from the township board, the city council and a citizen of either the city or township, would be appointed. The committee would not have the authority to enter into contracts of agreements, acquire, hold or dispose of property or incur debts, liabilities or obligations.

Township officials have balked at the proposal, seeking to have a committee of city and township officials administer the operations of the fire department.

Township officials claim that they have had an agreement to operate the fire department with the city for 61 years.

The operating agreement, that expired between the city and the township, required the township to pay 70 percent of the operating costs for the fire department, and the city to pay 30 percent of the expenses. The proposed agreement, which officials are still abiding under, calls for the township to pay 60 percent in operating costs and the city to pay 40 percent of the expenses.

Since the City of Grayling was incorporated in 1935, it has sponsored a volunteer fire department under the city manager's direction.

The city formally created a fire department in 1947, under the direction of the city manager, and provided fire services county wide.

In 1973, the city declared that it could no longer provide fire services county wide. Grayling

Township agreed to contract with the city for services. The rest of the townships started their own fire departments.

The first legal mutual operating agreement between the City of Grayling and Grayling Township was approved in 1974, according to city officials in response to the lawsuit.

Last month, Thayer sent a letter to the township board, offering a fixed-fee formula to provide fire services to the township.

"They would get a fixed fee and we are saying we are going to deal with variable costs to operate the fire department," Thayer said.

Thayer also offered to exchange property that the city owns in the township, where the Grayling Little League Fields are located, in exchange for the interest in the old fire department. Disposition of the old fire department, located next to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab, has been a sticking point

between both boards.

"I'm thinking that this is a very reasonable proposal that will answer the concerns the township has," Thayer said.

The Grayling Township Board has scheduled a special meeting for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13, to consider the proposal, said Rich Jaskowski, the township's attorney.

"Obviously, I think it is in the best interest of the city and the township to reach a resolution to this matter," Jaskowski said.

Township officials, however, still want to have a say in the management of the fire department.

"Historically, there has been a joint committee appointed to oversee fire department operations, and with the township contributing more than 50 percent of the costs, the board feels they should have a say in the management of the fire department, both financially and with personnel," Jaskowski said.

Head-on crash results in injuries

Two Grayling area residents were injured in a crash that occurred on slippery roads on Friday.

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield said that deputies were dispatched to a head-on traffic accident, that occurred on M-72 near Thendura Road in Grayling Township, around 3:25 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1.

A white mini van, driven by Larry Larson, was headed west bound on M-72 when it skidded across the centerline and struck an east bound pickup truck. The truck was driven by April Lynn

Lundy of Grayling.

Grayling City/Township Fire Department firefighters used the jaws of life to extricate Larson, who operates Larry's Taxi Service, from the minivan.

M-72 was closed to through traffic for about one hour, while emergency crews worked at the scene.

Both Larson and Lundy were transported by Mobile Medical Response EMS units to Mercy Hospital Grayling.

Lundy was treated and released.

Larson was later transferred to Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, where he is being treated for two broken arms and a broken femur.

Alcohol was not a factor in the accident. Both seat belt usage and air bags are being credited for reducing the severity of injuries to the drivers. The accident remains under investigation.

Slippery roads were reported throughout the area, and motorists are reminded to use extra caution when driving.

A Department of Natural Resources conservation officer assisted deputies at the scene.

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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Richard Milliman

Political campaigns can produce humor, too

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CAMPAIGN HUMOR - Political campaigns sometimes produce special humor, often coming from the unusual slants of columnists, political writers, or other comedians.

Offbeat *Detroit Free Press* columnist Michael Rosenberg mused about the popular campaign style where candidates go face-to-face with voters in local diners, especially in primary states.

"I suspect it's because most diners feature booths with only one way out, making it easy to trap customers," he concluded.

Television wit Stephen Colbert (according to an item in *The Detroit News*) figured out why candidate Mitt Romney did so well in the Michigan Republican

primary:

"I noticed that Michigan is kinda shaped like a mitten, and then I remembered Romney's first name is Mitt. Voters always go for the candidate whose name is the shape of their state."

And then there's this knee-slapper directly from a candidate, Republican Mike Huckabee, appearing on CNN before the Super Tuesday Feb. 5 primaries.

"I think it's time for Mitt Romney to step aside," said Mr. Huckabee, who at that point had won only the Iowa primary, and finished third, fourth or fifth in every other statewide contest. The funniest part of the line is that he was serious.

BIG SURPRISE - Nominee for the non-surprise headline of the year appeared in *The Detroit News* the other day: "UAW to back a Democrat for president."

The headline appeared on a story quoting UAW President Ron Gettelfinger at a political conference of UAW members and retirees in Washington.

He said Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton "are both our friends" and the union would not endorse either until the Democratic nomination is settled and then "will actively support" the eventual winner.

Mr. Gettelfinger cited "an informal poll" of UAW members showing no Republican has more than 2 percent support, saying that "no Republican in the field is acceptable" to the UAW.

When has the UAW not supported a Democrat for president?

Even so, I find it hard to believe that only two of 100 UAW members would vote for a Republican, which is well within what the pollsters call "the margin of error," but it's no surprise

that only 2 percent of UAW leadership would vote Republican.

Members of the UAW, or any other union, are individuals, and most are citizens who are concerned about many issues, many broader than purely union problems.

Ronald Reagan a couple of times proved union leadership does not always reflect membership's political leanings.

UNIONS GROW - The Bureau of Labor Statistics recently reported union membership in the United States went up for the first time in 24 years - but only slightly.

Total union membership in 2007 reached 15.7 million in a total work force of 129.8 million, for an increase of 311,000, the BLS reported, going from 12 percent of the work force to 12.1 percent.

The increase was so small the BLS called union membership "essentially the same."

But an increase is an increase, especially when it counters a 24-year trend.

The BLS did not poll the added 311,000 union members on political preferences.

SUPER BOWL - Three weeks ago the Almanack presented my annual predictions for the new year, and the Super Bowl once again did me in.

I had refused to go out on a Super Bowl limb for the past four years, but this time I recklessly went into print again about pro football's biggest event. Bad idea.

I predicted the Patriots would win the Super Bowl (they did not) over Green Bay (which did not survive the playoffs), but warned that, based on past inac-

curate Almanack predictions, the Giants probably would whip the Chargers, which they did for the league title but not in the Super Bowl.

So I came within 35 seconds of being half right on the first forecast, and sort-of partly correct on the supplemental prediction.

To quote from my prediction column: "As for the Super Bowl, I'm never right on this one," which was 100 percent accurate.

So all in all, I was somewhat partly sort of right this time.

How's that for torturing truth? With subjective reasoning like that, maybe I should go into politics.

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WASHINGTON NOTES

By Carl Levin, U.S. Senator (D-Michigan)

Stimulating Michigan's economy

The latest rounds of buyout offers for autoworkers are only the most recent sign that Michigan's economy needs an active administration in Washington that will fight for American jobs. For too long, the federal government has stood idle as Michigan's unemployment rate has soared, three million manufacturing jobs have been lost, and working families have felt the squeeze of rising costs of energy, health care and food.

Now it appears that the economic downturn is spreading across the nation. For the first time since the 2001 recession, Congress and the President are moving on short-term measures to boost the economy, including some form of tax rebate designed to put money in the hands of consumers who will spend it and fuel growth and jobs. Michigan citizens can benefit from the immediate economic stimulus that is under consideration, but our state needs more than just this kind of short-term infusion.

There are several things that Washington needs to do, for states with a large manufacturing sector, to get back on track. First, we can strengthen safety net programs, especially unemployment insurance. Second, we can protect families from losing their homes by taking steps to help at-risk homeowners. And third, we can target federal spending on infrastructure, advanced technology and redevelopment projects that will create jobs.

Safety net programs, including

unemployment insurance, home heating assistance and food stamps, play a critical role even in good economic times. When the economy is struggling, hard working citizens, who lose their jobs and can't afford basic necessities like food and heat, require additional protections. Investing in the safety net will also channel money to people who will spend it immediately because they have no cash to spare, benefiting local economies very quickly through increased consumer spending.

After losing 400,000 jobs in recent years, Michigan has the highest unemployment rate in the nation. About 145,000 Michigan residents have exhausted their unemployment benefits and can't find jobs. Between now and June, 72,000 more people will face the same difficult situation. I have cosponsored a bill that would extend unemployment insurance by 20 weeks for all states and add an additional 13 weeks for high unemployment states like Michigan. This bill would also add \$50 a week to unemployment benefits.

Extending unemployment insurance during times of recession is nothing new. In the past 30 years, the Congress has acted three times to establish temporary extended unemployment benefits, each time during a recession. Studies indicate that extending unemployment insurance during tough times provides the best return of economic benefits compared to other stimulus options, and this money can

be distributed within weeks. Extending unemployment insurance is essential to provide much-needed support to those who have lost their jobs and are struggling to re-enter the job market.

Even families who have held on to their jobs are falling victim to increasing prices of energy and other goods. I have proposed to fully fund the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program so that no Michigan family has to choose between putting food on the table and paying their energy bill. Additionally, we can help struggling families and spur consumer spending by increasing the food stamp benefit, which has not come close to keeping up with inflation.

We also need to confront housing foreclosures. More than 89,000 Michigan home loans are currently in foreclosure and over 40,000 subprime loans have scheduled rate increases this year. Many families are at risk of losing their homes, with devastating consequences. Beyond the personal impact, rampant foreclosures can decimate communities. I support providing federal assistance, such as block grants or tax-free bonds, so that state and local agencies can help homeowners affordably refinance. These steps can prevent further deepening of the foreclosure crisis, keep families in their homes, and protect neighborhoods from blight, which results from large numbers of vacant houses.

Our long-term economic growth requires investments by the federal government to create jobs and help our businesses grow and compete. Infrastructure and advanced technology should be our top priorities. Businesses that are successful are more inclined to hire new workers and expand. In Michigan, we know that success for many of our industries requires good roads, safe bridges, and harbors that are dredged to promote dependable shipping. Immediate federal spending on infrastructure and dredging projects can put people to work and lay the foundation for future growth.

Investments in advanced technology can have similar long-term benefits. For example, developing the next-generation advanced batteries for hybrid cars could lead to enormous growth of our auto industry. I have proposed public-private partnerships for research and development of a host of technologies that offer much potential for job-creation.

No state is struggling more than Michigan in this tough economy. Michigan families and workers deserve action from the federal government to address short-term and long-term economic challenges. A strong short-term stimulus package should be the first order of business in Washington, and Congress and the President need to act quickly on a bipartisan basis.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. Senator from Michigan.

EDITOR

It's the high price of gasoline

To the editor:

When we put gas in our cars and trucks, those extra dollars needed to pay for it comes directly out of our pockets each and every time.

It's the money that is needed for essentials like food, health care, rent or mortgage payments and to cover the rising cost of everything from shoelaces to haircuts.

Can you name just one thing that is not impacted directly or indirectly by higher transportation costs, which is due to the high cost of gas or diesel fuel? Everything in our lives takes a hit, including our morale, when we cancel that planned vacation, weekend trip, that night out or something we were going to purchase.

As a result of our cutting back, the economy slows and more jobs are lost.

Washington politicians, from the president down, just don't get

it. Maybe, because they have high paying jobs with lots of perks, and many are wealthy, to start with. Most of them never need to buy gasoline. They have a chauffeur driver or a limousine, use government cars that are filled with gas at no charge to them, are reimbursed for gas they purchase or are given a generous mileage allowance.

Tax rebate checks, lower taxes and lower prime rates all help some, but that will quickly vanish if gas prices remain high, or heaven help us, should continue to increase.

We need much lower gas prices to get us out of our negative mood and start us moving again. So we can go to the mall to make purchases, take a night out now and then, plan and be able to go on vacation or maybe an extra trip to grandma's house. Again, I say "we need lower gas prices."

*Harry Wojcik
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What Do You Think?

The Crawford County Avalanche welcomes its readers to comment on news, features, and opinion articles - including letters to the editor and Richard Milliman's weekly Almanack column - on our new Internet site at www.crawford-countyavalanche.com.

To express an opinion on a news, feature, or op-ed article, click on a story and scroll down to the "What do you think?" header (it's highlighted with a red color bar). Fill in your name and type your comments in the area provided, and click on the "Post Comment" icon when finished. Existing comments are listed between the "What do you think?" header and the area to post new comments.

All comments are subject to approval by Crawford County Avalanche management prior to publication on our Internet site. Comments are limited to 200 words. Excerpts from recent comments posted on our Internet site:

"So let's get this straight - developers are proposing that the park would include roller coasters, a race track, the world's tallest Christmas tree and Ferris wheel, a World War II aircraft carrier and an area where Christmas is celebrated all year long. How many out of state families will drive to northern MI to see these lame attractions? This is a farce ... you ain't gonna get the draw

of the public that you think you are."

- John
"I am from Dundee, MI. I bought property near Kalkaska to get away from this type of park they are proposing. Dundee has one of the biggest tourist attractions in the state in Cabelas. Visitors going to Cabelas get off US-23, visit Cabelas, get back on US-23 and go on their way. Cabelas has helped the downtown area very little. The jobs there don't pay that well. Visitors come to northern Michigan to see the great sites of the area, not battleships. The DNR should be ashamed of themselves for even thinking about this development." - Tod

"Those great sites you're talking about are tourist attractions and that is the only thing that keeps these little towns going. So even 700 jobs would help at least 600 people around the area. I am all for this theme park." - Doug
"I disagree with the comments of Tod. We need something like this in northern Michigan. Why should I have to drive all the way to Michigan's Adventure or Cedar Point in Ohio when we could have something like this right here? People are strapped for cash right now. Closer is better. Plus we desperately need jobs up here. Maybe these jobs won't pay well but hey at least they are jobs." - Concerned

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Online Poll Results

Last week's online poll question and results:

Who do you hope wins the Super Bowl?

New England Patriots (21 Votes, 51%)	New York Giants (20 Votes, 49%)
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This week's online poll question: **What do you think of the proposed Main Street America theme park?**

To vote in our online polls, visit our Internet site:
www.crawford-countyavalanche.com

The opinions expressed in the letters and columns on this page are solely those of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Crawford County Avalanche.
Your views are welcome on the Opinion Page. Letters may be typed or handwritten, but please double-space or use every other line and limit to 500 words.
Every letter must be signed and an address and telephone number must be included to be considered for publication. Letters will not be published without the author's name. Telephone numbers are not published.
All letters are subject to editing and will be printed as space allows.
Deadline for submission of letters to the editor is Friday at noon for consideration for publication in the following week's paper.

BRIEFS

Crawford County Democrats to meet

The Crawford County Democrats will gather for their regular meeting on Thursday, Feb. 14, at 7 p.m., at the Crawford County Court House. An informal time for conversation and snacks will follow the meeting. All are welcome.

VFW Post 3736 to hold meeting

The VFW Post #3736, and the ladies auxiliary, will hold their monthly meeting on Feb. 12, at 6 p.m., at the American Legion Hall. There will be a potluck dinner, so bring a dish to pass.

Registration open for Booster Blizzard Fest

The Grayling Youth Booster Club will host a Blizzard Fest "Golf Tournament" on Saturday, Feb. 23, at noon at Camp Grayling on Lake Margrethe, ice permitting. Cost is \$20 per person; two person teams \$40. An additional event is an Euchre Tournament \$20 per person. Contact Tina Bassett at 989-348-5194 for registration. Individuals will not be allowed on Camp Grayling without prior registration.

Reservations open for Relay for Life dinner

This year's American Cancer Society Crawford County Relay for Life event will be held on Feb. 20, at 6 p.m., at the Grayling Eagles Hall. Dinner and dessert will be provided, along with great information and prizes. RSVP by Feb. 18, so that there will be plenty of food.

Kirtland to host 'College Goal Sunday' site

Kirtland Community College will be one of 27 sites statewide to host "College Goal Sunday," an annual event to raise awareness about opportunities for financial aid. It will be on Sunday, Feb. 10, from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., in rooms 247 and 248- the Testing Center/FLEX Lab in the upper level of the Administration Building, on the college's main campus near Roscommon. For details regarding the event at Kirtland, call the Financial Aid Office at 989-275-5000, ext. 257, or e-mail finaid@kirtland.edu.

Organ transplant support group to meet

The next Organ Transplant Support Group meeting will be held on Feb. 14, at 6 p.m., in the conference room in the Professional Medical Building located just behind Otsego Memorial Hospital, 825 N.Center, Gaylord. This meeting is for all interested parties. No need to phone ahead. If Gaylord schools are closed because of bad weather, the meeting is automatically cancelled. If you have questions, contact Bev @ 989-983-4188.

COA offers two free fitness classes

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, is now offering two free fitness classes for seniors. Tone and Tubes focuses on toning and strengthening and is held at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays at the senior center. Sit and Be Fit is held at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and is designed for those who have limited mobility or are prone to falling. All classes are supervised and participation is based on physician clearance. Register at the senior center, or by calling Andrea at 348-7123.

Legion Auxilliary to hold meeting

The February meeting of the American Legion Auxilliary Post #106 will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the American Legion Hall, in Grayling.

Sheriff to attend meeting

Sheriff Kirk Wakefield will attend the City of Grayling council meeting on Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. He will be there throughout the meeting, and if necessary, remain afterwards for additional questions or comments.

COA to host guest speaker on Diabetes

The Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale, Grayling, will host guest speaker Dorthi McConnell, certified Diabetes educator, on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 3 p.m. McConnell will speak on managing your Diabetes. Call 348-7123 with questions.

County to hold Republican Convention

The meeting of the duly elected Precinct Delegates and the At-Large Delegates to the County Convention will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m., at the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling. The purpose of this meeting is to elect delegates and alternates to the February 15 and 16 State Convention, to be held in Lansing. The regular meeting will be held immediately following the convention.

COA to hold free medical equipment event

The COA's medical equipment loan closet is overflowing with items. There will be a free medical equipment event held at the Grayling Senior Center, 308 Lawndale St., Grayling, on Tuesday, Feb. 12, from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Items will be available on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, call 989-348-7123.

True Colors Awareness Seminar to be held

MidMichigan Health Park - Houghton lake will be sponsoring a True Colors Basic Awareness Seminar for couples on Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Days Inn Conference Center, Grayling, at 7 p.m. Tracy Wilson, certified True Colors facilitator, will lead this hands-on interactive seminar that will guide participants through the True Colors basic awareness process. This program is limited to the first 25 couples registered. The cost is \$10 per person and includes the materials for each couple. Registration is required. For more information, call 989-422-2117.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Youth Booster Club

The 50/50 raffle winners for Feb. 3 of \$25 each: Harold Root, Mark Millikin, Kenny MacKinnon and Chris Golnick.

Grayling Lions Club

The winner of the Grayling Lions Club Lucky 13 raffle for Feb. 1 of \$100 is Pat Money.

Crawford County Business Expo and Job Fair scheduled for March 18

A Business Expo and Job Fair is an excellent place to learn about job openings, potential career opportunities and networking.

Michigan Works, Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce, Grayling High School, and the Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) announced that the upcoming Business Expo and Job Fair will be held on March 18, from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., in the Grayling High School Cafeteria.

The Business Expo presents an opportunity for employers to showcase their businesses, network with other employers, and provides access to those seeking employment.

Michigan Works Business Liaison Kay Cosgray stated, "The Business Expo actually saves time for those companies needing to hire new employees. The Expo brings more people in contact with each employer, all in a relatively short period of time."

To register for the Business

Expo, contact Kay Cosgray at 989-348-8709, or by e-mail at CosgrayK@miworks-nemc.gen.mi.us.

Job seekers can meet with multiple employers in the same day. They can apply for a variety of jobs as both year-round and seasonal positions will be available at the Job Fair. College representatives will be on hand to speak with job seekers about careers, educational requirements and training opportunities.

Job seekers will also have the opportunity to schedule a mock interview. Contact Gaila Gilliland at the CCEDP office at 989-348-9030, or by e-mail at gailag@i2k.com, to schedule a mock interview.

According to Gilliland, "The value of a mock interview lies in exposing the interviewee to the interview process, well ahead of an actual interview. People learn what types of questions might be asked during an actual interview, thus giving them a chance to practice, polish and fine-tune actual interview skills."

CCEDP plans Regional Manufacturers' Forum

The Crawford County Economic Development Partnership (CCEDP) and Michigan Works are organizing the first Regional Manufacturers' Forum, at the Ramada Inn in Grayling, on Friday, March 28, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.

CCEDP and Michigan Works periodically sponsor a local manufacturers' roundtable to address common concerns and identify potential synergies. Discussions include training issues/needs and brainstorming creative solutions to shared difficulties.

At the September 2007 roundtable, the Crawford County manufacturing group asked that a similar forum for regional manufacturing companies be held.

The upcoming forum will be sponsored by Waste Management Disposal (WMD). Rep. Bart Stupak was recently invited to be the keynote speaker. Other agenda items will include taxation issues, transportation concerns, NAFTA, CAFTA and how each of these impacts the regional manufacturing economy.

WMD will present new programs of interest to manufacturing firms and potential synergies between manufacturers and WMD.

Forum invitations will be mailed, in early February, to manufacturers located in Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Roscommon Counties.

"The Forum demonstrates excellent responsiveness by CCEDP to the needs of our business community," stated CCEDP Board Member John Alef. Alef is the Community President at Citizens Bank - Grayling.

"We're excited to bring this forum to the region and look forward to positive actions as a result" explained Kay Cosgray, CCEDP board chair and MI Works business liaison in Crawford and Oscoda Counties.

Cost to attend the Forum is \$25 per person. Contact Gaila Gilliland at CCEDP by e-mail at gaila@i2k.com or by phone at 989-348-9030, to request more information.

Kirtland to host blood drive

Kirtland Community College will host a community blood drive, at its main campus near Roscommon, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

Staff, faculty, students and area residents are encouraged to participate in the blood drive, to be held in the college's Student Center, in cooperation with the American Red Cross.

Donors must be 17 years or older, in good general health and weigh at least 110 pounds. Those wishing to donate blood are reminded to bring along their Michigan driver's license, state ID card or Red Cross donor card.

Walk-in donors are welcomed. Persons wishing to make an appointment may do so by calling Kathleen Wray at 989-275-5000, extension 303.

For more information about Kirtland, visit online at www.kirtland.edu.

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For more information, contact the Crawford County Commission on Aging at 348-7123.

SPECIAL EVENT TRIPS*

Scheduled For February 2008

Trip #1

Tuesday, February 12, 2008
Odawa Casino - Petoskey
Departing at 8:30 am.
Approximate arrival - Grayling 4:00 pm.

Trip organized by the Crawford County Commission on Aging

Contact Andrea @ 348-7123 to reserve a seat

***Special event trips require: (1) a minimum of twenty-two passengers; and (2) that passengers less than 18 years of age be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

To reserve seats or request information concerning special event trips call Julie @ 348-8215

COMMUNITY EVENT SERVICES:

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The Bible Speaks

Is the law Sin?

Romans 7:1-6 proves beyond a doubt that we are not sanctified or made holy by keeping God's law, but by our marital union as the bride of Jesus Christ. Because the law has neither been able to justify or sanctify us, and it always appears to reveal our bondage, disobedience and death, as a result some question law's honor. Therefore a new section, Romans 7:7-12 vindicates the integrity of God's law. "7What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." (Romans 7:7).

Paul had been falsely accused of misrepresenting the law by Jewish leaders. In Acts 6:13 they set up false witnesses against him saying, "This man ceaseth not to speak blasphemous words against this holy place, and the law." In Acts 18:13 they accused him saying "This fellow persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law." In Acts 21:28 he is accused as "...the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law...."

First Paul defends the law by quoting God as the Law Giver. "7What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid." On the contrary to being sinful, Romans 7:12 concludes this section saying: "12Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good." As Psalm 19:7-9 says, "7The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether."

Second Paul defends the letter of the law for giving us an understanding of the knowledge, nature, deception, danger, and death of sin. "...Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law...." "20Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin." (Romans 3:20). Law stirs up or multiplies the motions of sins in our flesh to bring forth fruit unto death. (Romans 7:5). Only Christ can redeem us from the curse of

death for our sins as revealed to us in the law. "13Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." (Gal. 3:13).

Third, Paul defends the spirit of the law for giving us an understanding of the cause and development of sin in our lives even before the act is committed. "...for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet." To lust is to long for that which God has forbidden. To covet is to set your heart upon, long for, and desire that which is not rightfully yours to have. "13Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." Pastor "B"

The Bible Speaks is a paid advertisement and does not necessarily reflect the views and opinions of the Crawford County Avalanche.

SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 p.m. weekdays, except Friday, when there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for.

This week's menu (lunch/dinner) and activities:

Friday, Feb. 8 - Lunch - baked meatloaf, green beans, carrots and banana. No Dinner. 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes, 12 p.m. Frederic/Maple Forest satellite meal, 1 p.m. Pantry Bingo.

Saturday, Feb. 9 - Foot clinic, cost is \$15. Call 821-5428 for an appointment and bring your own towel.

Monday, Feb. 11 - Lunch - beef goulash, corn, cauliflower and mixed fruit. Dinner - chicken and dumplings, green beans, tossed salad and mandarin oranges. 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Back on Duty, 1 p.m. Bridge, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. SPLASH at Mercy Rehab.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Lunch - baked ham with apple glaze, baked beans, potato salad and an apple. Dinner - pepperoni pizza, Italian blend vegetables, pineapple and peaches. 8:30 a.m. casino trip, 10 a.m. Tone and Tubes and Bible Study, 12:45 p.m. Euchre, 1 p.m. Sit and Be Fit, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. free medical equipment, 3 p.m. diabetes education class, 4 p.m. - 5 p.m. blood pressure/sugar checks, 5:30 p.m. game night, 6:30 p.m. housing commission board meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 - Lunch - porcine meatballs with noodles, peas, California blend vegetables and pineapple. Valentine's/Birthday Dinner - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, succotash, mixed fruit and cake and ice cream. 10 a.m. line dancing, 1 p.m. Kings and Queens, 2 p.m. pool league, 11:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. rummage sale, 5 p.m. Valentine's/Birthday Dinner, 5:30 p.m. Cardio.

Thursday, Feb. 14 - Lunch - cheddar chicken rice casserole, Brussels sprouts, mixed vegetables and mandarin oranges. Dinner - turkey pot pie, winter blend vegetables, and oranges and grapefruit. 10 a.m. craft class, 12 p.m. Kiwanis meeting, 2 p.m. Uno Attack, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. SPLASH at Mercy Rehab.

The Crawford County Commission on Aging's Senior Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King in Grayling. Walk-ins are welcome.

LIBRARY NEWS

Devereaux Memorial Library

The C.C.L.L. book club will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 26, at 5 p.m. to discuss "Summer of Light" by W. Dale Cramer.

"My Crafty Valentine", a program for the American Girls, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 12, at 3:30 p.m. The girls will be designing valentines using several paper crafting methods and they will be learning about quill pens and handmade ink. For questions or to sign up, call Jane at 989-348-9214.

St. Martin Ev. Lutheran (WELS) Douglas Carter - Pastor. For information call 989-821-6013. The Roscommon Community Center, 510 South St., Roscommon, MI. New phone number: 275-3070.

Friendship Church A Christian Reformed Ministry Rev. Dick Ober, Pastor 415 Ohio North, Grayling Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 10 a.m. Tue. Women's Bible Study 10 a.m. Wed. Men's Bible Study 12 noon

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OBITUARIES



Donald J. Prause

Sept. 13, 1930 - Jan. 21, 2008

Donald Julius Prause, 77, of Grayling, passed away at his home on January 21, 2008.

He was born in Central Lake, on September 13, 1930, to Julius E. and Edith H. (Ward) Prause.

He attended Central Lake School and served four years in the Coast Guard.

He attended UCLA and Michigan State, where he received his bachelor's degree in accounting.

In 1974, he started his own accounting business in Grayling, "Don's Accounting," which he handed down to this youngest son Dan Prause in 2005.

He enjoyed work, camping, fishing, hunting, golfing and most of all, his family.

He was a past treasurer for the Grayling Fairgrounds and Grayling Redskins. He participated in the Boy Scouts. He was a member of the Lions Club and the Eagles Club.

He is survived by his brother, Robert (Marie) Prause of Grayling; sister, LouAnn (Bill) Rife of Traverse City; children: Jim Prause of Dove Canyon, Calif., Charlene (Jack) Overturf of Huntington Beach, Calif., Stan (Nancy) Prause of Hemet, Calif., Beverly Smith (Carol Mickelson) of San Dimas, Calif., Dennis (Teri) Prause of High Pointe, N.C., Dave (Lorrie) Prause of Falmouth, Larry (Debbie) Prause of Alanson, Brad Prause of Oden, and Dan Prause of Grayling; step-children: Dennis (Sue) Pittman of Florissant, Colo., Scott Pittman of Grayling, Denise (Glenn) Gault, of Grayling, Wendy (Kevin) Pratt of Gaylord, Randy (Lori) of Grayling and Sandra Pittman, of Grayling; 44 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Patsey (Pittman) Prause; parents, Julius E. and Edith H. (Ward) Prause; brother, David Prause; paternal grandparents, William and Margaret Prause; and maternal grandparents, Ben and Mary Ward.

In accordance with his wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering and luncheon will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9, from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., at the Grayling Eagles Club.

Interment of his ashes will be in the family's private cemetery in Grayling.

Memorials may be made to: Mercy Hospice, 324 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

Arrangements made by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio.

Card of Thanks

When my husband, Charles Jackson, became seriously ill at Big Boy Restaurant recently, the staff and the gentlemen sitting across from us were incredibly kind, caring and helpful. They called 911 and MMR responded immediately, although it was already irrevocable. The Mercy Emergency staff was efficient, extremely kind and caring, as was the Northflight staff. To all of you, my thanks.

Rita Anne Jackson



Eldon K. Holcomb

Eldon Keith Holcomb, 73, a resident of Kalkaska and a native of Flint, passed away in Brownsville, Texas, on January 31, 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Laura Lee Holcomb; sons, David Aho and David Pettit; daughters, Roxanne Brown and Tamara Harwood; sister, Gloria Murrell; 10 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Gladys Hudson; and brother, Wayne Holcomb.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements made by Garza Memorial Funeral Home, Brownsville, Texas.

Ronald L. Finch

Aug. 20, 1941 - Feb. 3, 2008

Ronald Lee Finch, Sr., 66, of Gaylord, passed away on February 3, 2008.

He was born in Grand Rapids on August 20, 1941 to Floyd and Alyce (DuMond) Finch.

He was raised in the Delton area and later lived in Florida for a few years, before moving to Gaylord in 2005.

He worked at Grayling Ford and the Gaylord Auto Auction.

He enjoyed painting cars, auto detailing for himself and for auto dealerships. He even built his own car.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy of Gaylord; children: Ronald, Jr. (Sandy), Dwayne (Michelle), Alyce (Greg) Alma, Tom (Marie), Kevin, Timothy, Daniel, Jennifer (Jacob) Caverly, Jeremie, Rachael Brown and Jennifer Brown; many grandchildren; and brothers: Bill (Lloy), Floyd, Jr. (Sheryl) and Jim (Chrissy).

A memorial service was held on February 5, at Nelson Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to Birchwood Nursing Center, through the Nelson Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1548, Gaylord, MI 49734.

Condolences may be sent to www.nelsonsfuneralhome.com. Arrangements made by Nelson Funeral Home, Gaylord.

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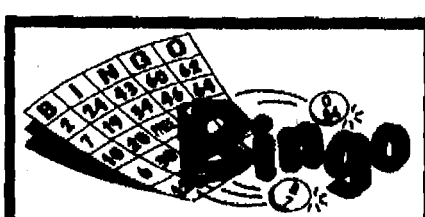


David M. Baker

Nov. 21, 1974 - Feb. 4, 2007

You are not forgotten loved one, nor will you ever be, as long as life and memory last, we will remember thee. We miss you now, our hearts are sore, as time goes by, we miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face, no one can fill your vacant place. Our hearts still cry and we miss you so, so, much.

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The youngest published fiction author in America, Reese Haller, recently visited Grayling Elementary School for an entire day. Above, from left to right, Haller is pictured with fifth graders Cassie Kolka and John Hilbrecht as he displays his "Fred the Mouse" book series.

Young author visits Grayling Elementary

The youngest published fiction author in America, Reese Haller, recently visited Grayling Elementary School for an entire day.

The 11-year-old author, who lives in Bay City, published the first fiction novel of his "Fred the Mouse" book series when he was only 8-years old.

Haller's school visit focused

on "Catching the Writing Bug." With his father, Thomas Haller, Reese presented to each grade level for one hour. He shared writing strategies and also shared his love for both writing and reading. Haller's presentation was interactive with the students and the enthusiasm for writing definitely spread as a result of this young author's visit, said

Angie Camp, the Grayling Elementary School principal.

One of the special events of Haller's visit was the "Author's Luncheon." Several students from each grade level won the opportunity to attend the Author's Luncheon.

During the luncheon, the students asked Haller a variety of questions and engaged in inter-

esting conversation. The luncheon concluded with each of the students receiving a group picture, which was autographed by Haller.

"This was a very memorable day for the young authors at Grayling Elementary, and completely supports our school initiatives in the area of writing improvement," Camp said.

Helmet requirement pushed for skiers and snowboarders

by Clay Taylor
Capital News Service

Downhill skiers and snowboarders without head protection may find a hefty fine waiting for them at the bottom of the slope.

A new bill by Rep. Bob Constan calling for mandatory helmets comes fast on the heels of a fatal skiing accident in December.

Clare Dougherty, 13, of Canton Township, died from a head injury on Shanty Creek Resort's Schuss Mountain in Bellaire. She was pronounced dead on arrival at Kalkaska Memorial Health Center on Christmas Day.

Authorities said a helmet could have prevented her death.

"We can't say for sure in any one instance what the outcome would have been, but for certain accidents there is no question it would help," said Jim Austin, the hospital's administrator. "It's just like wearing seat belts. They save lives, just not all lives."

Safety is the bill's primary concern, Constan said.

"We require that people wear helmets in other situations," Constan said. "People knowing that helmets are available is not enough."

Constan said the bill, which has support from the Dearborn and Dearborn Heights Ski Clubs, was inspired by constituents who had family members injured while skiing and

snowboarding.

The bill calls for a \$100 fine for those caught without helmets, but Constan said that fines would not be strictly enforced.

"I don't want to see someone with a \$100 fine who's an experienced skier," Constan said, "but the time has come to encourage people to wear helmets when skiing."

Co-sponsors include Reps. Coleman Young, D-Detroit, and Aldo Vagnozzi, D-Farmington Hills.

Most of Michigan's ski resorts — including Apple Mountain Resort, Boyne Mountain and Boyne Highlands, Crystal Mountain, Nub's Nob Ski Area and Snowsnake Ski and Golf — provide helmets to rent for about \$5-\$10 a day.

There is industry opposition to the idea.

In a statement, Boyne Highlands and Boyne Mountain said while helmet use is encouraged, "we don't think this new legislation is the way to go. We believe that helmets are a good idea but not necessarily for all skiing and riding situations."

That sentiment was echoed by John Cleary, general manager of Snowsnake in Harrison.

"I think it should be left up to the individual," Cleary said. "We recommend it, but we believe it's a matter of personal preference."

He said most skiers at Snowsnake wear helmets, and anyone participating in freestyle

events must wear one.

He said he isn't sure how often Snowsnake's skiers suffer head injuries.

"It's not a real frequent thing," he said. "It's hard to put a number on it."

A report from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission notes that head injuries account for 14 percent of skiing and snowboarding accidents, as well as 56 percent of related deaths.

No other states have laws that require helmet use, according to the National Ski Areas Association, a trade organization for ski area owners and operators headquartered in Colorado.

The association says that on average 38 people died each year for the past 10 years from skiing or snowboarding accidents. An average of 42 people suffered serious injuries, which includes head injuries.

NSAA President Michael Berry said that it's most important to encourage dialogue about the responsibility of making educated decisions regarding helmet use, rather than making helmet use mandatory.

"You shouldn't put one on and think that's all you need to do," Berry said.

He recommends that skiers wear helmets, but ski as if they're not.

The bill, which would amend a 1962 law that outlines basic skiing regulations, is under

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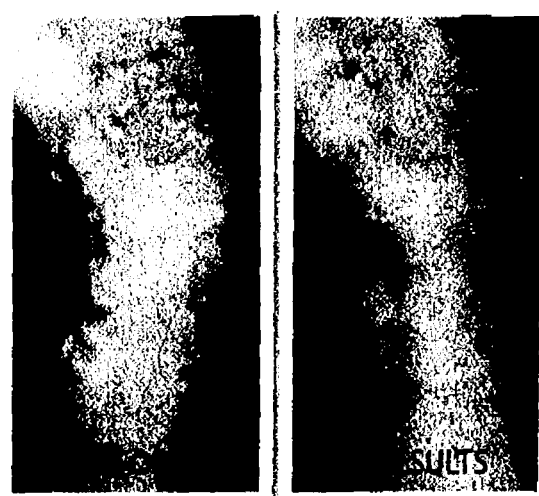


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Unemployment benefits are taxable

Tax season has arrived and the state of Michigan has begun mailing year-end statements to anyone who received unemployment benefits in 2007.

"Unemployment benefits are taxable, and those who received benefits will need these statements to prepare their 2007 state and federal tax returns," Lisa Estlund Olson, acting director of Michigan's Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA), explained.

The statements, called 1099-G or Statement for Recipients of Unemployment Compensation payments, are prepared by UIA and report how much individuals received in unemployment benefits last year.

"This year, we'll be sending out approximately 548,000 1099-G forms," Olson said. "The mailing began on Wednesday, Jan. 16, and will be completed by Jan. 25."

Starting Friday, Feb. 1, those with questions about their 1099-G, or those who do not receive the statement, can telephone the UIA or visit an agency Problem Resolution Office (PRO) for help.

The toll-free UIA telephone numbers unemployed workers can call about their 1099 statements are: telephone filed claims: 1-866-500-0017, select the "inquiry" option - staffed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,

Monday - Friday. Customer Relations hotline: 1-800-638-3995 - staffed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday.

UIA Problem Resolution Offices are located in Gaylord, 400 W. Main St.; Grand Rapids, 3391A Plainfield Ave., NE; Lansing, 5015 S. Cedar St.; Livonia, 33523 West 8 Mile Rd.; Marquette, 2833 US 41 West; and Saginaw, 614 Johnson St. The offices are open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A common question about the 1099-G statement concerns the amount of compensation it reports.

"The total compensation figure on the statement includes not only the amount of benefits paid but also any restitution or court ordered deductions, such as Friend of the Court payments," Olson explained. "Because of these required deductions, jobless workers may have actually received less than what is reported on the 1099-G. We advise those individuals with these types of deductions to consult with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to learn how these deductions affect their taxes and for instructions about reporting them."

If workers chose to have state and federal income taxes deducted from their unemployment benefits in 2007, the 1099-G reports the amount of taxes withheld.

HONORS

Central Michigan University
Central Michigan University announced fall semester honors for students from the Grayling area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point

averages: Emily McCloud, Robert VanNuck, Sean Casey, Zachary Dean, Kip Franklin, Todd Gaffke and Willie Martin. The fall semester ended in December.

State database helps parents find child support

by Melanie Trusty
Capital News Service

More than half a million Michigan children are entitled to child support, and one in four received nothing in 2006, one expert says.

Child support makes a huge difference to these families, said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, a senior research associate for the Michigan League for Human Services, a nonprofit organization.

And after the non-custodial parent makes court-ordered payments, it's important that the money gets to the children, Zehnder-Merrell said.

The Department of Human Services has provided an online database for almost a year to help custodial parents find unclaimed child support, said Maureen Sorbet, a media relations person for the department.

"Sometimes we lose track," Sorbet said.

Parents have used the database to recover more than \$450,000 in unclaimed funds since last March, Sorbet said.

Parents who believe they are entitled to unclaimed funds can search the database, she said. Users are instructed to enter their child's name and the last four digits of their Social Security number.

Sorbet said if search results show money is owed, parents need to verify the information with their local Friend of the Court office.

League figures show that 531,086 children under 19 were entitled to child support in 2006. Of them, 141,806 collected nothing.

In some cases, the non-custodial parents failed to pay at all. In other cases, non-custodial parents paid the Friend of Court offices but the money wasn't transferred to the children.

Since the database tool started, almost 1,000 parents have recovered funds owed to them, she said.

Sorbet said it may take two weeks for the court to process a claim, and if the match is positive, the money can be distributed in a lump sum.

Zehnder-Merrell said that most custodial parents are single and it's critical they have these resources because their rate of poverty is seven times higher than the rate for married couples.

Distribution of funds could be stalled because the custodial parent did not report a change of residency, she said.

Generally, that's the case for low-income single parents who move their family more often, she said.

"It's excellent that they created such a program to act as an avenue for parents to find these funds," Zehnder-Merrell said.

Sorbet added that the database is a great tool and allows Friend of the Court offices to update their records.

"We can ensure future funds go to the proper people and get there more quickly," Sorbet said.

Kelli Van Dyken, a co-coordinator of the Kent County chapter of the Association for Children for Enforcement of Support Inc., said her nonprofit organization wants parents to be aggressive so they can collect their unclaimed child support.

GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

Grayling City Police Chief Karl A. Schreiner reports his department handled the following complaints during the period of Jan. 27 - Feb. 3:

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State driver's license requirements now include permanent legal presence in U.S.

First-time applicants for a Michigan driver's license or identification card must prove that they have established permanent legal presence in the United States, under a requirement taking effect Tuesday, Jan. 22. Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land's push to enhance driver's license security can now move forward due to a recent attorney general's opinion. The opinion says that under current law the state cannot issue a driver's license to anyone who is not in the country legally and permanently. Today's announcement only deals with original applications. Updated procedures for renewals will be released soon.

"This is one more tool in our initiative to bolster Michigan's border and document security," Land said. "It also puts Michigan's procedure in line with those of most other states. The department will maintain its highest standards of customer service by sharing information with the public and working with applicants so that they understand the requirements. We all share the goal of a safer Michigan and America."

As of Tuesday, applicants for an

original driver's license or state-issued ID card must meet four standards, in addition to Michigan's driving and physical health requirements, by providing documentation of: a valid Social Security number or ineligibility for one (applicants will have to bring their Social Security card or other acceptable document to a Secretary of State office, or a letter of ineligibility from the U.S. Social Security Administration); legal and permanent presence in the United States; their identity (legal name and date of birth); and Michigan residency.

A list of acceptable documents is at www.Michigan.gov/sos. The Web site includes information on obtaining a Social Security card from the federal government.

Land encouraged customers to make sure they have the documents necessary to complete their applications before going to a branch office.

She added that the new policy actually complements the department's commitments to speeding up branch office service. Because fewer foreign documents will be accepted from applicants, employ-

ees at the counter won't be confronted with as many time-consuming transactions and can serve other customers. Documents that need additional verification will be reviewed in Lansing rather than in branch offices. In those instances, a customer may be asked to visit the branch again.

Land also pointed out that the number of original applications processes in branch offices is relatively small, accounting for less than four percent of all branch transactions.

A state lawmaker recently asked Michigan's attorney general to revisit a 1995 opinion that has guided Michigan's policy to this point. The 1995 opinion said the department could not refuse to issue a license simply because the applicant was not legally in the country. The most recent opinion takes precedence over the earlier opinion.

Land has already been working to enhance driver's license security. In December 2007, she proposed the creation of an upgraded "standard" driver's license and an optional "enhanced" version that can be used in place of a passport

at the Canadian border. The plan is being considered by the Legislature.

Her proposal would change the law to allow residents who are in the U.S. legally but temporarily to apply for an upgraded standard license.

"Michigan has many outstanding residents who contribute greatly to our economy and society even though they're here on a temporary basis," Land said. "Businesses rely on these talented individuals as well. Under the attorney general's opinion, those who are in the country legally, but on temporary student or work visas, are ineligible for a Michigan license, though most still can drive using the license of their home country. We need to reconsider that aspect of the law to avoid unintended consequences for individuals or job providers. I encourage citizens to voice their support for our proposal and contact their legislators."

Information on Land's initiative is at www.Michigan.gov/sos. It is titled "The Drive for a Safer Michigan" and is found under "News and Headlines."

There's still time to enter the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest

There's still time for students to work on their masterpieces for this year's Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest. The artwork deadline is March 15, 2008.

The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program uses art and science to teach students the value of wetlands and the waterfowl that use them. They put their knowledge to the test when they create their own stamp featuring one of North America's ducks, geese or swans. It is available to all school children in grades K-12, whether in public, private or home schools. All Michigan entries must be sent to Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge, 6975 Mower Road, Saginaw, MI 48601. Last year, 488 Michigan students participated in the program. The Junior Duck Stamp Program is run annually in each state - approximately 30,000 students participate throughout the country.

At the state level, students are judged in four groups according to grade level. Each participant

receives a certificate. In addition, prizes will be awarded to first, second, and third place and honorable mention winners in each group.

Judges select the "Best of Show" from the 12 first place winners, which is then submitted to the national Junior Duck Stamp Competition, which is being held this year at the San Diego Zoo in California.

The first place winner's artwork from the national contest is used to create the Junior Duck Stamp for the following year. Junior Duck Stamps are sold at U.S. Post Offices and at some National Wildlife Refuges for \$5 each. Information booklets for the 2008 Contest are available at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge and Green Point Environmental Learning Center, both in Saginaw. If you want all the rules and an entry form faster, you can download the entire booklet from www.fws.gov/duck-stamps. Be sure to click on the

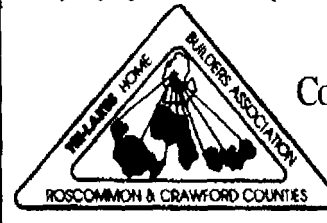
Junior Duck Stamp link. For a listing of all of Michigan's 2007 winners and pictures of the first through third place artwork, visit the refuge's Web site at <http://midwest.fws.gov/shiawassee> and click the "Jr. Duck Stamp" button. You can also contact Michigan Junior Duck Stamp Coordinator Becky Goche at (989) 759-1669. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting and enhancing fish, wildlife and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System, which encompasses 544 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands and other special management areas. It also operates 69 national fish hatcheries, 63 Fish and Wildlife Management offices and 81 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the

Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat, such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Assistance program, which distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

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Public access to U.P. forestland dwindling, report warns

by Tim Wardle

Capital News Service

University Researchers, in collaboration with two influential environmental groups, have identified a trend they call alarming in the Upper Peninsula.

Large tracts of U.P. land are being bought up by private owners intending to increase timber production and home sites, and much of the land is being closed to the public. More than one million acres changed hands between 2005 and 2006, an area more than 10 times bigger than Detroit, according to a report from Michigan Technological and Michigan State universities, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Michigan Environmental Council. The trend is alarming, according to the National Wildlife Federation regional communications director Jordan Lubetkin, because of increasingly restricted access to traditionally open land.

"This is only the first chapter," said Lubetkin. "This trend will only grow."

Nearly 80 percent of U.P. land

is forestland. In the past, land was generally owned by local mill owners with an interest in keeping the tracts uninterrupted and ecologically sound.

According to the report, as land is being sold to out-of-state interests and tracts are divided into smaller and smaller parcels to build homes, the willingness of the new owners to keep the land open for people to play and wildlife to roam is declining.

Recently, nearly 1.5 million acres changed hands to three different companies, according to a separate Michigan tech report.

In 2005, Seattle-based Plum Creek Timber Co. bought 650,000 acres that made it Michigan's largest landowner. GMO, a Boston-based real estate company, picked up 440,000 acres in 2006 and The Forestland Group, a North Carolina-based timber company, has bought over half a million acres over the past nine years.

Plum Creek made a similar large-scale land investment in Maine and in December petitioned that state's government to

rezone the land so it could be developed.

Fragmentation of land has been particularly noticeable along the shorelines and river basins, which the experts claim is the most valuable in terms of public use. Such areas, according to the report, are the most sought after by small landowners and thus the most noticeable area where the public is excluded.

In compiling the report, researchers cited several instances where former snowmobile-accessible tracts were littered with "no trespassing" signs and entire stretches of road were either blocked off or disappeared. One example was Celotex Road in Baraga County, which is now blocked off for miles through recently purchased land, it said.

Hunting in the U.P. also faces a threat if a large amount of new homes are built. Since it is illegal to hunt within 450 feet of a building, a new neighborhood or store could reduce or wipe out a traditional hunting spot.

"The U.P. should be enjoyed by all," says Lubetkin. "The land shouldn't be fenced off, and Michigan has the opportunity to pass laws to preserve public access."

Traditionally, the northern part of the state has been distinctive for its wide-open expanses, available to sportspeople of all types, as well as to tourists from across the country. The report identifies the U.P. as, "a place without fences" and a "culture grounded in outdoor recreation and freedom to roam."

"Our research shows that the sprawling forest tracts that have long been part of the U.P.'s allure, are already getting smaller and more fragmented," said Robert Froese, a report co-author. Froese is a professor of forest resources and environmental science at Michigan Tech.

The researchers offer several possible solutions to help curtail the trend. They suggest strengthening the state's forest program, already in place to provide tax incentives for owners that allow public access to their land.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield reports his office handled the following 97 complaints the week of Jan. 28 - Feb. 3:

Twenty general non-criminal complaints, two delinquent minors, six false alarm activations, five assault/intimidation/

stalkings, one burglary/home invasion, two larcenies, one fraudulent activity, one damage to property, one damage to property-private property, four public peace/disorderlies, one operating while intoxicated, two health and safeties, one miscellaneous criminal offense, one miscella-

neous arrest, 26 traffic accidents, one traffic violation-civil infraction, two parking violations, one traffic policing, one traffic safety public appearance, one hazardous condition, four inspections/investigations-other, three inspections/investigations-family, four suspicious situa-

tions and six driving violations/driving while license suspended.

Sheriff Wakefield asks: "Do you know where your children are? Please remember, our children are our future."

For more information, log on to www.crawfordsheriff.org.

AREA EVENTS

Petoskey - MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group will meet on Friday, Feb. 8, from 9:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m., at Zion Lutheran Church. This group is open to all mothers with children in kindergarten or younger. Child

care and registration is free. Zion Lutheran Church is located next to the hospital in Petoskey. Call Susan at 231-622-3839.

Traverse City - Northwestern Michigan College events. Saturday, Feb. 9 - Free Public

Viewing Night, 8 p.m. - 10 p.m., at Rogers Observatory, Birmley Road. 995-2300. Sunday, Feb. 10, College Goal Sunday financial aid assistance workshop, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., Beckett Building room 146-147, 995-1560.

Sunday, Feb. 10, Safe Passage Forum: Introduction to Spanish, 1, 3 p.m. - 5 p.m., University Center room 209, 995-1188.

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IRS warns of new e-mail and telephone scams using the IRS name; advance payment rebate scams starting

The IRS cautions taxpayers to be on the lookout for scams involving proposed advance payment checks. Although the government has not yet enacted an economic stimulus package, in which the IRS would provide advance payments known informally as rebates to many Americans, a scam which uses the proposed rebates as bait has already cropped up.

The goal of the scams is to trick people into revealing personal and financial information, such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, which the scammers can use to commit identity theft.

Typically, identity thieves use a victim's personal and financial data to empty the victim's financial accounts, run up charges on the victim's existing credit cards, apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name, file fraudulent tax returns or even commit crimes. Most of these fraudulent activities can be committed electronically from a remote location, including overseas. Committing these activities in cyberspace allows scammers to act quickly and cover their tracks before the victim becomes aware of the theft.

People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years — and their hard-earned money — cleaning up the mess thieves have made of their reputations and credit records. In the meantime, victims may lose job opportunities, may be refused loans, education, housing or cars, or even get arrested for crimes they didn't commit.

The most recent scam brought to the attention of the IRS is the Rebate Phone Call. At least one scheme using the word "rebate" as part of the lure has been identified. In that scam, consumers receive a phone call from someone identifying himself as an IRS employee. The caller tells the targeted victim that he is eligible for a sizable rebate for filing his taxes early. The caller then states that he needs the target's bank account information for the direct deposit of the rebate. If the target refuses, he is told that he cannot receive the rebate.

This phone call is a scam. No legislation has yet been enacted that would allow the IRS to provide advance payments to taxpayers or that determines the details of those payments. Moreover, the IRS does not force taxpayers to use direct deposit. Those who opt for

direct deposit do so by completing the appropriate section of their tax return, with bank routing and account information, when they file; the IRS does not gather the information by telephone.

Refund E-mail - The IRS has seen several variations of a refund-related bogus e-mail which falsely claims to come from the IRS, tells the recipient that he or she is eligible for a tax refund for a specific amount, and instructs the recipient to click on a link in the e-mail to access a refund claim form. The form asks the recipient to enter personal information that the scammers can then use to access the e-mail recipient's bank or credit card account.

In a new wrinkle, the current version of the refund scam includes two paragraphs that appear to be directed toward tax-exempt organizations that distribute funds to other organizations or individuals. The e-mail contains the name and supposed signature of the Director of the IRS's Exempt Organizations business division.

This e-mail is a phony. The IRS does not send unsolicited e-mail about tax account matters to individual, business, tax-exempt or other taxpayers.

Filing a tax return is the only way to apply for a tax refund; there is no separate application form. Taxpayers who wish to find out if they are due a refund from their last annual tax return filing may use the "Where's My Refund?" interactive application on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. The only official IRS Web site is located at www.irs.gov.

Audit E-Mail - Another new scam brought to IRS attention contains features not seen before by the IRS. Using a technique, calculated to get almost anyone's attention, the e-mail notifies the recipient that his or her tax return will be audited. This is the first scam of which the IRS is aware that uses this to get the victim to respond.

Unusual for a scam e-mail, it may contain a salutation in the body addressed to the specific recipient by name. Most scam e-mails seen by the IRS are sent using the same technique used by spammers, in which hundreds of thousands of messages are sent to potential victims based on Internet address. Because of the volume, the typical scam e-mail is not personalized.

This e-mail instructs the recipient to click on links to

complete forms with personal and account information, which the scammers will use to commit identity theft.

This e-mail is a phony. The IRS does not send unsolicited, tax-account related e-mails to taxpayers.

Changes to Tax Law E-mail - This bogus e-mail is addressed to businesses, accountants and "Treasury" managers. It instructs them to download information on tax law changes by clicking on a series of links to publications on businesses, estate taxes, excise taxes, exempt organizations, IRAs and other retirement plans. The IRS believes that clicking on the link downloads malware onto the recipient's computer. Malware is malicious code that can take over the victim's computer hard drive, giving someone remote access to the computer, or it could look for passwords and other information and send them to the scamster. There are other types of malware, as well.

The URLs contained in the link are not legitimate IRS Web addresses. All IRS.gov Web page addresses begin with <http://www.irs.gov/>.

Paper Check Phone Call - In a current telephone scam, a caller claims to be an IRS employee who is calling because the IRS sent a check to the individual being called. The caller states that, because the check has not been cashed, the IRS wants to verify the individual's bank account number. The caller may have a foreign accent.

In reality, the IRS leaves it entirely up to the individual to choose to cash or not cash a paper check. The IRS has no business need to know, and does not ask for, bank account or similar information, except when taxpayers indicate on their tax return that they are opt-

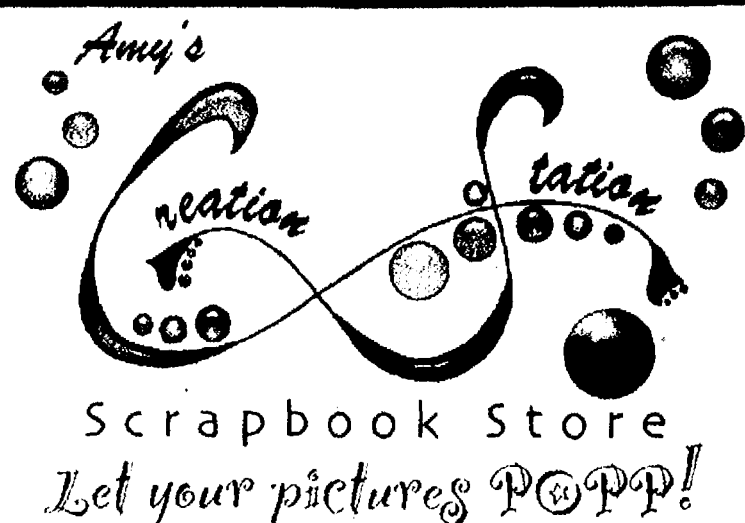
ing for the direct electronic deposit of their refund. In that case, however, it is the individual's responsibility to provide the IRS with the correct bank routing and account numbers on the tax return; the IRS does not contact taxpayers to verify the information.

What to Do - Anyone wishing to access the IRS Web site should initiate contact by typing the IRS.gov address into their Internet address window, rather than clicking on a link in an e-mail or opening an attachment.

Those who have received a questionable e-mail claiming to come from the IRS may forward it to a mailbox the IRS has established to receive such e-mails, phishing@irs.gov, using instructions contained in an article on IRS.gov titled "How to Protect Yourself from Suspicious E-mails or Phishing Schemes." Following the instructions will help the IRS track the suspicious e-mail to its origins and shut down the scam. Find the article by visiting IRS.gov and entering the words "suspicious e-mails" into the search box in the upper right corner of the front page.

Those who have received a questionable telephone call, that claims to come from the IRS, may also use the phishing@irs.gov mailbox to notify the IRS of the scam.

The IRS has issued previous warnings on scams that use the IRS to lure victims into believing the scam is legitimate. More information on identity theft, phishing and telephone scams using the IRS name, logo or spoofed (copied) Web site is available on the IRS Web site at IRS.gov. Enter the terms "phishing," "identity theft" or "e-mail scams" into the search box in the upper right corner of the front page.



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AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are trained in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service and offer help with personal income tax returns at locations throughout Michigan.

"Many Michigan residents are unaware of the possible credits that are extended even to those residents who do not owe taxes," Cal Strom, Tax-Aide State Coordinator, said.

"The Michigan Homestead Credit and the Michigan Home Heating Credit forms can be completed even if no state income tax is owed. Additionally, millions of dollars in credits go unclaimed when qualified residents fail to claim the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit."

"AARP Tax-Aide volunteers

encourage residents to make their appointment at a local Tax-Aide location to have their individual circumstances addressed," said Strom.

All AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are IRS-certified and many tax centers have e-filing capability. Where available, e-filing is free, as are the services of the AARP Tax-Aide volunteers.

For more information about Tax-Aide and locations for Tax-Aide sites in Michigan, call toll-free at 1-888-AARP-NOW (1-888-227-7669) or visit the AARP Web site at www.aarp.org/taxaide. A list of sites by county is also available throughout the Michigan AARP office (1-866-227-7448); the Michigan Department of Treasury and the Web site for the Michigan State University Extension Service.

Last year, more than 870 Tax-Aide volunteers filed 38,786 federal and 45,224 state tax returns at 218 sites across Michigan. These sites included senior citizens centers, libraries and other convenient locations, as well as homebound individuals when possible.



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Overusing toothpaste and brushing too hard are common pitfalls among younger children. Parents with children under 6 years of age should brush their child's teeth because young children lack the manual dexterity required to brush teeth effectively.

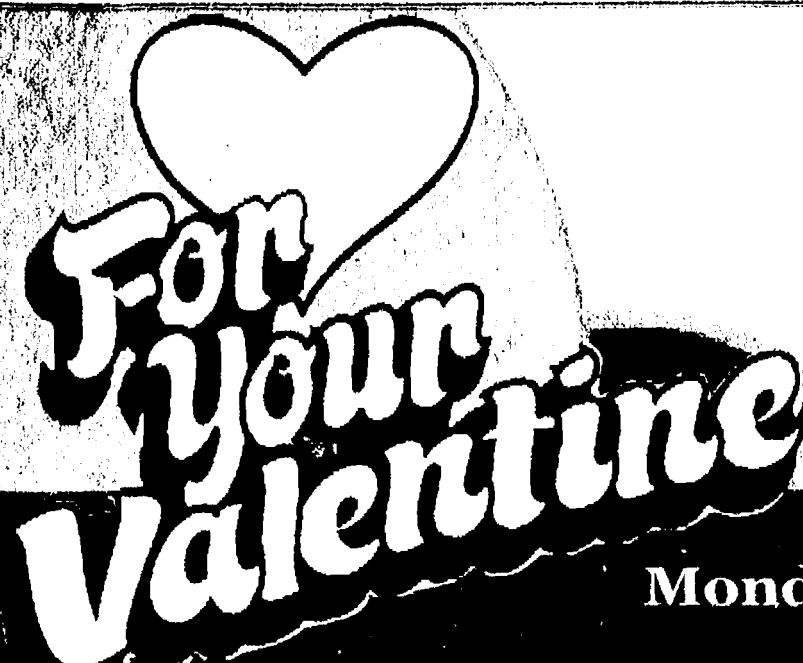
Recent statistics point out that up to 73 percent of children use too much toothpaste. A pea-size amount of toothpaste is optimal since large amounts create foam and make it difficult for children to brush. Also, children should be taught to spit out toothpaste because habitually swallowing it can lead to a condition known as fluorosis in which spots caused by too much fluoride may appear on their teeth.

Brushing too hard can push the gums up and pose problems in preventing tooth decay. Since tooth decay occurs faster in children, parents need to take precautions to protect their youngsters' beautiful smiles.

Parents should also remember to put mouthwashes in a safe place. Children are easily attracted to minty smells and colorful mouthwash. The alcohol in mouthwashes can be harmful to children.

By playing a positive, active role in children's tooth brushing, parents are encouraging children to learn good habits and maintain good dental hygiene. To make the experience enjoyable, here are some tips:

- Place a proper "step-up stand" that allows the child to look over the sink counter.
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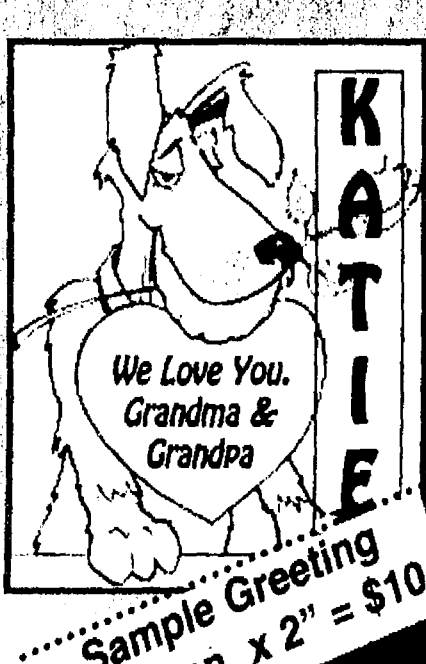
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Over 150 athletes and coaches were on hand at Hanson Hills Recreation Area for the 2008 Area 4 Special Olympics Invitational Winter Games, which was held on Jan. 17. Above, Hilary Modica, of Grayling, competes in the 50 meter snowshoe race.

Special Olympians compete at Hanson Hills invitational

Over 150 athletes and coaches were on hand at Hanson Hills Recreation Area for the 2008 Area 4 Special Olympics Invitational Winter Games.

The invitational, held on Jan. 17, included competitors from Bay City, Manistee, Cadillac, and a host of athletes from Area 4, which includes Crawford, Ogemaw, Roscommon and Oscoda counties.

The athletes competed in nordic skiing, downhill skiing, snowboarding and snowshoe races. Distances for the events ranged from 50 meters to 1 kilometer.

The staff and ski patrol from Hanson Hills were on hand to groom and layout the race courses.

A group of students from the Roscommon High School Rotary Interact Club assisted with running the events.

Many of the athletes who attended the invitational at Hanson Hills, went on to compete at the Michigan Special Olympic Winter Games, which was held last week at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme.

The Area 4 Games have been held at Hanson Hills for over 20 years, and this year marks the fifth year that athletes from other areas in northern Michigan, as well as central



Brock Prater, of Grayling, finishes the 1 kilometer nordic skiing race.

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MET program tops \$1 billion mark

by Melanie Trusty
Capital News Service

A Westphalia mother wants to secure her 2-year-old daughter's future education the way her parents did with a Michigan Education Trust Fund contract.

Corie Weber recently bought her daughter a MET contract because the 20-year-old program helped Corie's parents send her to Lansing Community College and Northwood University.

"It was an excellent experience for myself, and I wanted to give it to her for the future," Weber said.

Weber said she bought a two-year contract and will be paying for it stretched over 15 years.

The MET Fund has topped the \$1 billion mark in assets, an amount that ensures the program is financially stable, said Terry Stanton, a public information officer for the Treasury Department.

"This is a significant milestone," said Stanton.

MET was the first prepaid tuition program in the country, Stanton said. The program was started in 1988.

The benefits cover tuition for public and private universities and community colleges.

It is the only such program that allows purchasers to

deduct the amount paid each year for a contract and the estimated \$65 enrollment fee from their income taxes, he said.

Stanton said the number of contracts purchased annually from 2005 to 2007 has remained steady, an average of 3,440.

Under current rates, for example, a two-year full benefits contract for a newborn would cost \$184 a month for 15 years. Contract prices depend on the age of child and time of purchase.

He suggests saving as early as possible for the future because of the rising cost of higher education.

"You're using today's cost to pay for tuition in the next decade," Stanton said.

Robin Lott, executive director of the MET program, said most contracts are purchased for children entering elementary school.

And more parents are acknowledging a need for a college savings fund, Lott said.

Anyone can purchase a contract for a Michigan child, Stanton said. MET offers three prepaid tuition contracts: full benefits plan, limited benefits plan and community college plan. Payments can be made in one lump, monthly installments and by semester.

Vikings win 87-53 with second half surge vs. Harbor Springs

Grayling outscores Rams 52-23 in third, fourth quarters

■ *Varsity team wins on Friday, but falls to Boyne City 67-58 on Monday night*

The Grayling Vikings defeated the Harbor Springs Rams 87-53 in a varsity boys basketball game at Grayling High School last Friday, following a second half in which GHS outscored its opponent 52-23.

The Vikings took an 11-1 lead early in the game. The run included three-pointers by Trent Larm, Josh Stapleton, and Richard Schreiber. Grayling led 18-9 at the end of the first period.

Harbor Springs outscored the Vikings 21-17 in the second quarter, and GHS had a five-point advantage at halftime, 35-30.

Grayling scored 24 points in the third quarter and 28 points in the fourth quarter, while the Rams scored just 23 points in the second half.

"This was our best game of the year," Coach Rich Moffit said. "I thought defensively we got better as the game went on. We pressured Harbor Springs into mistakes and did a nice job on the boards overall. Offensively, we ran our transition break very well. Our ball movement and unselfishness was instrumental in getting our players open looks."

"Josh Stapleton was outstanding defensively and offensively — (he) scored 14 points in the third quarter. Trent Larm hit some open shots and did a great job of creating shots for his teammates. Schreiber was solid at point (guard). (Spencer) Dean and (Tyler) Steffey did a nice job of scoring in the paint. We

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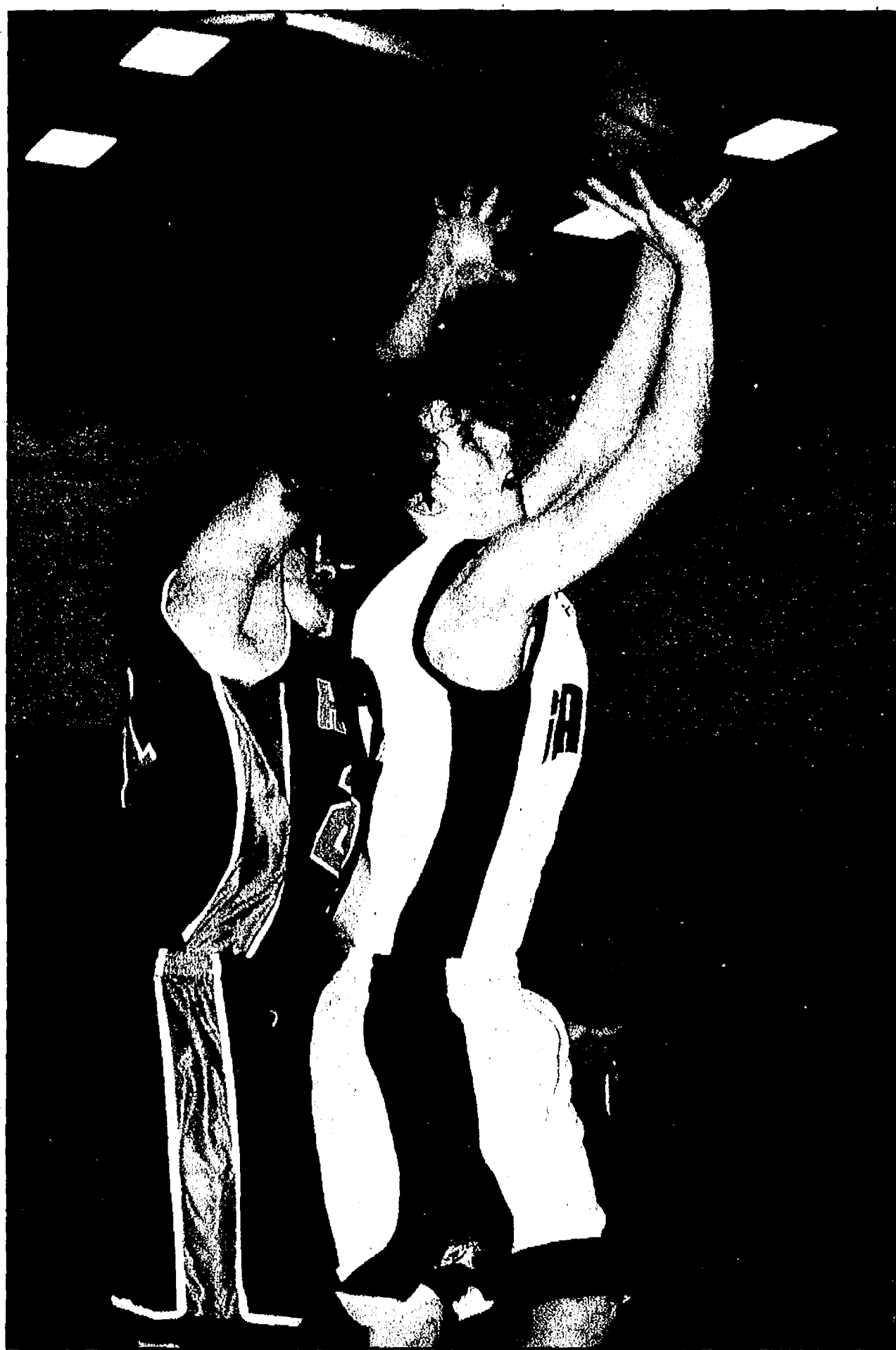


Photo by Caleb Casey

Josh Stapleton drives to the basket for Grayling during last Friday's 87-53 victory over the Harbor Springs Rams.

Wrestling team wins LMC championship

■ *Five Vikings finish 1st and five finish 2nd in Saturday's league meet at Elk Rapids*

Grayling High School's wrestling team clinched its second league championship in three seasons by winning the Lake Michigan Conference tournament this past Saturday at Elk Rapids.

The Vikings took a 5-0 regular season league record into Saturday's tournament. Grayling went undefeated in the tournament to win this year's LMC title. The Vikings also won the conference championship in 2005-2006 — the league's first season with wrestling as a conference sport. Grayling took 2nd in the LMC last year.

This year's final LMC standings: Grayling, 286 points; Traverse City St. Francis, 117 points; Kalkaska, 106 points; Elk Rapids, 92 points; Charlevoix, 58 points; Boyne City, 40 points.

Five Vikings finished 1st in their weight class at Elk Rapids on Saturday. Five Vikings finished 2nd.

"This was a great day for our team," Coach Joe Ferrigan said. "We needed to put together a dominating performance today, gaining a lot of confidence going into the team district championships in two weeks. I believe this team has what it takes to win a district championship. After today's effort, I also believe they are ready to do what it takes to get to the next level."

Individual placements for Grayling at Saturday's league meet included:

103 — Ashton Linkhart (freshman), 1st. "Avenged two losses from earlier this season to capture first place. Ashton has been getting better each week. He finally put it all together on Saturday," Coach Ferrigan said.

112 — Joe White (freshman), 1st. "Joe was dominating in a very tough weight class that included a regional qualifier last year from Elk Rapids. Joe did an outstanding (job)," Coach Ferrigan said.

119 — Olivia Peters (freshman), 2nd. "Olivia wrestled very tough. She came up just short in the finals, placing second to a very good wrestler from Charlevoix," Coach Ferrigan said.

125 — William Fowler (junior), 3rd. "William finished in third place in a very competitive weight class," Coach Ferrigan said.

130 — Josh Moggo (junior), 2nd. "Josh was a leader for our team today. As always, he displayed great sportsmanship. He wrestled very tough all day. Josh placed second to a very good wrestler from Charlevoix," Coach Ferrigan said.

135 — Stephen Grove (senior), 1st. "Stephen was dominating all day long, taking first place, pinning each of his opponents," Coach Ferrigan said.

140 — Zach Wolcott (freshman), 2nd. "Zach had a great day in one of the toughest weight classes of the tournament. Zach finished in second place, just missing first, losing in the final match to a senior from Traverse City," Coach Ferrigan said.

145 — Cody Collen (junior), 1st. "Cody finished the day in first place, putting on the most dominating display of the day for the Vikings. Cody was on the mat for less than one minute all of his matches combined," Coach Ferrigan said.

152 — Mykel Revord (junior), 4th. "Mykel was in the toughest weight class of (the) tournament. Finishing in fourth place was a big accomplishment for Mykel,"

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Vikings honor local basketball coach



Photo by Caleb Casey

The Vikings honored Grayling basketball coach Mark Hartman — pictured here with his wife Sharon, other family members, and members of the GHS varsity boys basketball team — prior to last Friday's home game vs. the Harbor Springs Rams. Hartman is retiring from coaching this season after more than 20 years of service. Hartman has coached boys and girls basketball at many levels, including 14 years as coach of the 7th grade boys basketball team at Grayling Middle School. Rich Moffit, head coach of the varsity boys basketball team at GHS, presented Hartman with a plaque during the pregame ceremony on Friday. "Coach Hartman has been instrumental in the basketball and character development of the young men who have participated in the Grayling Viking basketball program," Moffit said.

JV boys basketball squad defeats Boyne City, 56-43

■ *Grayling outscores Ramblers 18-4 down the stretch in Monday night's home game*

The GHS junior varsity boys basketball team outscored Boyne City 18-4 during the last five

minutes of Monday night's contest vs. the Ramblers, and the Vikings won the game by a final score of 56-43.

Grayling opened the contest with a 10-0 run. The Vikings led

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Josh Johnson dribbles the ball for GHS during last Monday's JV game against Boyne City.

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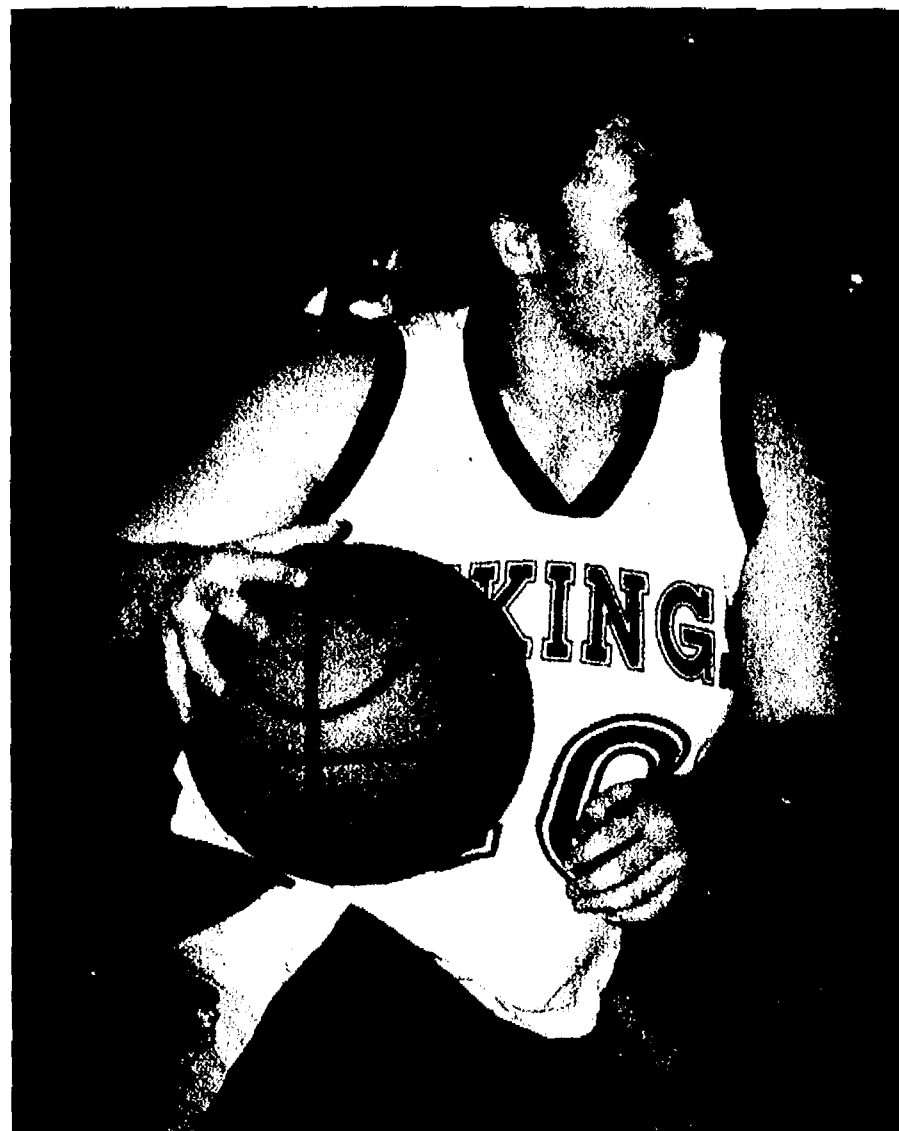
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Alyssa Lewis, left, and Rachel Doremire, right, handle the ball for the Vikings during last Thursday's varsity girls basketball game vs. Elk Rapids.

Varsity team unable to hold lead late, falls to Elks 45-41

■ *Elk Rapids outscored Grayling 8-1 in final two minutes to win Thursday night's game*

The Grayling Vikings led 40-37 with 2:14 remaining in last Thursday's varsity girls basketball game vs. Elk Rapids, but the visiting Elks outscored GHS 8-1 down the stretch to win the contest by a final score of 45-41.

Elk Rapids had a one-point edge at halftime, 23-22. The score was tied at 31-31 going into the fourth quarter.

Two free throws by Alyssa Lewis at the 7:30 mark gave

Grayling a 33-31 advantage. A jump shot by Elk Rapids tied the game at 33-33. An inside shot by Laura Boylan and a free throw shot by Tiffany Davis put the Vikings up by three, 36-33. Four free throws by Elk Rapids gave the Elks a one-point lead with 4:19 left in the game.

A put-back by Boylan at the 3:31 mark gave Grayling a 38-37 advantage. A free throw by Annie Melroy added one point to Grayling's lead. At the 2:14 mark, Boylan converted one free throw attempt to give the Vikings a 40-37 lead.

A three-point play by Elk Rapids at the 1:45 mark tied the game at 40-40. Grayling missed its next shot and Elk Rapids rebounded. The Elks scored a jump shot to take a 42-40 lead with 1:19 remaining. A free throw by Boylan pulled Grayling within one, 42-41. Two free throw shots gave Elk Rapids a

44-41 lead with 57 seconds left in the fourth quarter.

The Vikings missed a shot and Elk Rapids forced a tie-up on the rebound. The possession arrow favored Grayling. The Vikings turned the ball over on the in-bounds pass and GHS fouled. The Elks converted one of two free throw shots to lead by four, 45-41, with 44 seconds left.

Grayling shot the ball, missed, rebounded the ball, missed the put-back attempt, and Elk Rapids rebounded the ball. The Elks killed the final seconds and won by four points, 45-41.

"As a team, seven girls scored and we grabbed 50 rebounds. This was one of our most aggressive games of the year," Coach Kelly Sheehan said.

Boylan finished the game with 19 points, 16 rebounds, and 3 blocks. Sam Schreiber had 5 points, 6 rebounds, and 3 steals. Rachel Doremire had 5 points

and 11 rebounds. Melroy scored 5 points and Lewis had 4 points. Davis finished with 7 rebounds. Boylan was 5 for 8 from the free-throw line, Doremire was 3 for 4, and Lewis was 2 for 2.

Grayling (1-14) will host the Kalkaska Blazers on Thursday, Feb. 7.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, the Vikings will host Harrison as part of a four-game boys and girls basketball series. The JV girls team will play the Hornets at 2 p.m. The JV boys game will be next (approximately 3:45 p.m.), and the varsity girls game will follow (approximately 5:30 p.m.). The fourth game of the day, which will feature the varsity boys basketball teams, starts after the varsity girls game (approximately 7:15 p.m.).

The make-up game for last Tuesday's postponed contest vs. East Jordan will be played at GHS on Monday, Feb. 11.

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Tiffany Davis, left, and Annie Melroy, right, shoot the ball for Grayling on Thursday night.

Vikings place 4th, 5th at LMC ski meet

Grayling High School's boys and girls ski teams placed 4th and 5th, respectively, at last Thursday's six-team Lake Michigan Conference Meet at Nub's Nob.

Grayling's boys team placed 3rd in slalom and 4th in giant slalom (GS). Mike Olson was 8th in slalom and 7th in GS for the Vikings. Matt Hilbrecht placed 9th in slalom and 14th in GS.

Brady Coe finished 20th in slalom and 15th in GS. Peter Alexander was 23rd in slalom and Matt Dunckel took 25th in GS.

The GHS girls team placed 5th in both slalom and GS. Cassie Pizzi took 14th in both events. Ciara Summers finished 28th in slalom and 18th in GS. Hannah Smith finished 19th in slalom and 21st in GS. Hailey

McMahon finished 25th in GS and Peggy Currison was 26th in slalom.

Boyne City won the boys competition with 36 points. Grayling had 121 points. Traverse City St. Francis won the girls competition with 53 points. Grayling finished with 165.5 points.

The Vikings will ski in the Benzie Invitational on Friday, Feb. 8.

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Photo by Caleb Casey

Mackenzie Harwood, left, Kirstie Wakeley, center, and Naomi Anglemeyer, right, shoot the ball for the Vikings during last Thursday's JV game against Elk Rapids.

JV squad falls to Elk Rapids, 44-22

■ *Last Tuesday's home game vs. East Jordan rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 11*

The Vikings of Grayling High School started strong during last Thursday's JV girls basketball contest vs. the visiting Elk Rapids Elks, but GHS struggled offensively in the second, third, and fourth quarters. Elk Rapids won the game 44-22.

The Vikings led 7-0 early in the contest, but Elk Rapids had a

12-10 advantage at the end of the first period. The Elks led 22-14 at halftime. Elk Rapids outscored Grayling 22-8 in the second half to win by 22 points.

Grayling's leading scorers included: Naomi Anglemeyer, 8 points, 6 rebounds; Kirstie Wakeley, 7 points, 6 rebounds; Mackenzie Harwood, 3 points, 4 steals.

"(The) girls played very well. Good defense (and) offense. (They) ran our out-of-bounds plays well. We just could not put

the ball in the basket," Coach Craig Hofman said. "We started out the first quarter with 10 points, but could only manage four points in each of the next three quarters. We were only down nine at the end of the third quarter. The fourth quarter we stuck with them, but when we needed to put some pressure on, we struggled and gave up some baskets."

"We also shot well from the free-throw line until the fourth quarter. We were only 2 for 12.

If we hit those, we put more pressure on them. The first three quarters we were 9 for 11," Coach Hofman said. "I felt we rebounded well for most of the game against a much larger opponent. The girls impressed me with their aggressiveness, because sometimes you lose that coming off a couple of snow days without practice time, and they fought through the whole game."

The Vikings (2-13) will host the Kalkaska Blazers at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7.

Last Tuesday's home game vs. East Jordan was postponed. The contest will be played on Monday, Feb. 11, at 6 p.m. at GHS.



Hailey Wiseman handles the ball for the Vikings on Thursday night.

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Series Women: M. Starks and M. Cole, 502; C. Moore, 486.	
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High Series Boys: R. Anderson, 184; L. Cotton, 170; D. Johnston, 181.	
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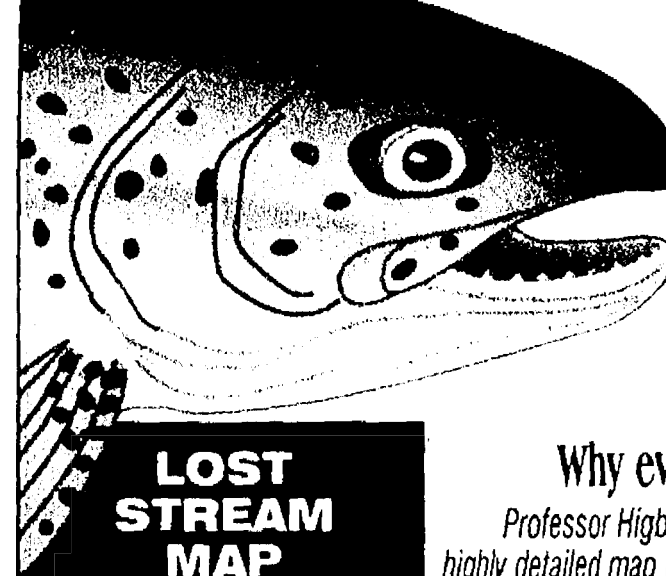
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STATE OF MICHIGAN CRAWFORD COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT FAMILY DIVISION

TAMMY PETERSON,
 Plaintiff,
 vs
 BRAD PETERSON,
 Defendant.

Case No. 07-7482-DO
 Hon. Dennis F. Murphy

MARGARET A. COTANT PLC.
 By: MARGARET A. COTANT P46911
 Attorney for Plaintiff
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 Gaylord, Michigan 49734
 (989) 732-2630

NOTICE OF ACTION

An action for divorce has been commenced by Plaintiff, Tammy Peterson, against Defendant, Brad Peterson, in the Crawford County Circuit Court for the State of Michigan. Defendant must answer or take other action permitted by

law within 28 days after the last date of publication. If Defendant does not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgement may be entered against him for the relief demanded in the complaint.

MARGARET A. COTANT PLC.
 By: MARGARET A. COTANT P46911
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 -31-7-14

MORTGAGE SALE
 AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. NOTIFY US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Charlie K. Patnode, a single man, and Meghan M. Hinkle, a single woman, Mortgagees, to Green Tree Financial nka Green Tree Servicing, LLC, Mortgagee, dated the 9th day of March, 1999 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for The County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 17th day of March, 1999 in Liber 477 of Crawford County

Records, page 151, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Fifty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty & 63/100 (\$55,750.63), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of February, 2008 at 10:00 o'clock am Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling MI (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 7.00% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the City of Roscommon, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Part to the Northeast 1 / 4 of the Northwest 1 / 4 of Section 20, Town 25 North, Range 3 West, described as: Beginning at the North 1 / 4 corner of said Section 20, thence South 1 degree 42 minutes West along the North and South 1 / 4 line, 290.00 feet, thence North 89 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds West, 634.90 feet, thence Northwesterly 255.50 feet along the arc of a 0 degree 30 minutes 24 second curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 11, 309.16 feet and along chord bearing of North 19 degrees 36 minutes 14 seconds West, 255.49 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes 35 seconds East, 622.72 feet; thence North 1 degree 42 minutes East, 50.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 30 minutes and 35 seconds East, 105.04 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to the Highway easement over the most Northerly 50.00 feet. Also subject to the Easterly 33.00 feet for ingress and egress and installation of Public Utilities. Excepting all oil, gas and mineral rights and documents pertaining thereto.

Said property includes a 1998 Fleetwood manufactured home, Serial No. INFLW55A72582-BA-13

During the twelve (12) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 1/24/2008
 Green Tree Servicing, LLC
 Mortgagee

-24-31-7-14

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence Alan Hammer Jr. and Jocelyn Olivia Hammer, husband and wife as joint tenants, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, Mortgagee, dated March 28, 2002 and recorded April 4, 2002 in Liber 576, Page 163, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank, N.A., Successor Trustee to Wachovia Bank, N.A. (formerly known as First Union National Bank), as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-2 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Two Thousand Three Hundred Sixty-Nine and 10/100 Dollars (\$92,369.10) including interest at 11.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on March 5, 2008.

Said premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 10 and 11, River Oaks Subdivision, Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 27, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Dated: January 31, 2008
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 (248) 457-1000 File No. 362.2855

-31-7-14-21



The GHS wrestling team celebrates its 2007-2008 Lake Michigan Conference championship on Saturday at Elk Rapids High School.

Wrestling team wins LMC championship

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 Coach Ferrigan said.

160 – Shane Grove (junior), 1st. "Shane wrestled outstanding the entire day, beating a very good wrestler from Traverse City in the finals to capture first place," Coach Ferrigan said.

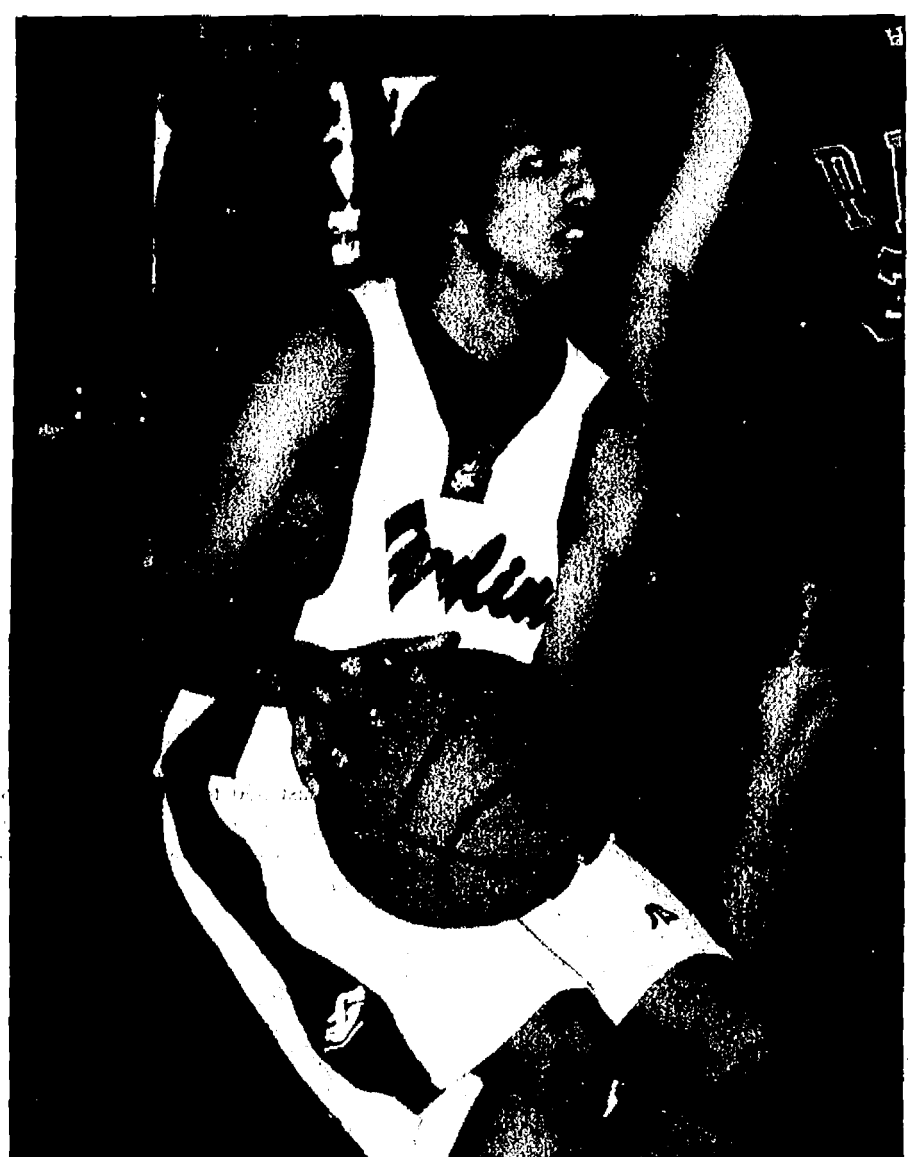
171 – Matt Haight (junior), 2nd. "Matt wrestled very tough all day, placing second to a very good wrestler from Elk Rapids," Coach Ferrigan said.
 189 – Eric Madill (senior), 2nd. "Eric finished in second place to a wrestler from Traverse City ranked number

two in division four," Coach Ferrigan said.

215 – Joe Contreras (junior), 3rd. "(He) placed third in one of the toughest weight classes of the tournament. Joe had a very good day," Coach Ferrigan said.
 Heavyweight – Kyle Peters (sophomore), 1st. "Kyle was the

dominant heavyweight of the day, pinning all of his opponents in a combined time of less than two minutes," Coach Ferrigan said.

The Vikings will compete in the District 167-3 wrestling tournament on Thursday, Feb. 14, at Elk Rapids.



Shivam Patel handles the ball for the Vikings during Friday's game against Harbor Springs.



Wesley Willoughby shoots the ball for Grayling vs. Boyne City on Monday night.

JV boys basketball squad defeats Boyne City, 56-43

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Grayling's nine points included a 7 for 8 performance from the free-throw line. GHS won by 13 points.

"We had a very good (first) quarter to take a 10-point lead. After that, it seemed like every time Boyne made a run we had an immediate answer. Colin Hamlin hit a big three-point shot in the fourth quarter to stall a Boyne City run, and Josh Johnson hit a clutch jumper down the stretch. Jordan Small, Josh Johnson, and Wesley Willoughby had breakout games. These three players have been in

a funk lately and all three of them stepped up to help win this game," Coach Chris Kucharek said.

"I was extremely proud of the way we finished the game. We made good decisions down the stretch," Coach Kucharek said.
 Leading scorers for Grayling included: Hamlin, 19 points; Small, 15 points, 6 rebounds; Johnson, 8 points; Tyler Hanson, 2 points, 9 rebounds; Joe Tottingham, 8 points; Willoughby, 5 points.
 On Friday, Feb. 1, the Vikings lost to the Harbor Springs Rams

by a final score of 73-41.

Grayling's scoring leaders included: Small, 11 points; Hamlin, 10 points; Shivam Patel, 6 points; Hanson, 4 points; James Schweizer, 3 points.
 "We did not come to play. This was a tough one because it's our first loss at home this year," Coach Kucharek said. "James Schweizer, Shivam Patel, Joe Somero, and Adam Wargo all played extremely well for us in the fourth quarter."
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LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jeffrey S Holka aka Jeff Holka, Sr., an Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 20, 2006, and recorded on January 29, 2007 in Liber 685 on Page 62, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Seven And 06/100 Dollars (\$120,697.06), including interest at 9% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 598 Indian Glens of the AU Sable No. 6, Township of South Branch Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Pages 1-14, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2008
For more information, please call:
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #186646F01

-7-14-21-28

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default has occurred under the terms and conditions of a real estate mortgage given by Michigan Quality Care Home, a Michigan Partnership, DBA File Number 5165, as mortgagor, to Michigan Housing Trust Fund, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, n/k/a Michigan Interfaith Trust Fund, as mortgagee. The mortgage is dated July 16, 1997, and was recorded on July 23, 1997 in Liber 434, Page 124 of the Crawford County Records. On the mortgage, there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Two Hundred Eighty and 34/100 Dollars (\$182,280.34) consisting of principal, accrued interest and fees. No suit or proceedings has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public sale, in the lobby of the ground floor of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 20, 2008.

The premises are situated in the Township of Frederic, County of Crawford, Michigan, and described as follows:

The South 163 feet of the North 490.57 feet of that part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan, lying East of Old 27 Highway.

Commonly known as 4916 Old 27, Frederic, Michigan 49733. Property Tax I.D. No.: 030-011-002-040-00.

And,

The South 327.57 feet of the North 655.14 feet of that part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, Lying East of State Highway US-27, EXCEPTING THE NORTH 163 FEET THEREOF, Frederic Township, Crawford County, Michigan.

Commonly known as 4880 Old 27, Frederic, Michigan 49733. Property Tax I.D. No.: 030-011-002-060-00.

The length of the redemption period as provided by law for this type of residential property is six (6) months from the date of sale.

Dated: January 17, 2008

DICKINSON WRIGHT PLLC

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n/k/a Michigan Interfaith Trust Fund
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-17-24-31-7

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert Keller a married man and Helen Keller his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated April 2, 2003, and recorded on April 3, 2003 in Liber 626 on Page 386, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand Three Hundred Nineteen And 05/100 Dollars (\$66,319.05), including interest at 5.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on February 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 4, block 1, Hadley's Amended Addition to the Village (now city) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 8, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brian E. Rasmusson, a married man and Bethany M. Rasmusson, his wife, original mortgagor(s), to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated September 2, 2003, and recorded on January 2, 2004 in Liber 664 on Page 565, and assigned by mesne assignments to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, A New Jersey Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Five And 83/100 Dollars (\$68,345.83), including interest at 6.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Being part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 31, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as follows;

Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 31, thence North along the North and South 1/4 line, 1325.4 feet to 1/8 corner; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds East along 1/8 line, 733.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 749.5 feet to the Southerly line of Chapp's Manor, thence South 89 degrees 58 minutes East along said Southerly line, 466.0 feet, thence North 73.6 feet, thence South 58 degrees 31 minutes East 137.8 feet, thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes 30 seconds East along 1/8 line, 751.23 feet, thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 30 seconds West 584.2 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2008
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ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Beverly McIntosh, single woman as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 12, 2005, and recorded on October 20, 2005 in Liber 677 on Page 953, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to EverHome Mortgage Company as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Fifty-Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Seven And 74/100 Dollars (\$53,667.74), including interest at 6.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: South 1/2 of Lot 12, Block 5, Hadley's amended, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2008
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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Cheryl Robbins and Roger L. Robbins, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Fifth Third Bank (Northern Michigan), Mortgagee, dated February 15, 2002, and recorded on March 1, 2002 in Liber 572 on Page 140, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to The Bank of New York, as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Trustee on behalf of Certificateholders and the Certificate Insurer of ABFS Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-1, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2002-1 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty Thousand One Hundred Seventy-One And 04/100 Dollars (\$40,171.04), including interest at 12.4% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the South 3/4 of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of Section 6, Town 25 North, Range 3 West commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section; thence North 00 degrees 24 minutes East along the North and South 1/4 line, 1300.9 feet; thence North 89 degrees 05 minutes 30 seconds East 658.59 feet to the point of beginning; thence North 0 degrees 25 minutes 21 seconds East 330 feet; thence North 89 degrees 01 minutes 47 seconds East 330 feet; thence South 0 degrees 25 minutes 21 seconds West 330 feet; thence South 89 degrees 01 minutes 47 seconds West 330 feet to the point of beginning

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC J 248.593.1311
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #101345F02

-7-14-21-28

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the con-

ditions of a certain mortgage executed on August 20, 2001, by Debra A. Legg, a single woman, as Mortgagor, to Chemical Bank West, as Mortgagee, which mortgage was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Crawford County, Michigan on August 21, 2001, in Liber 0550, Page 005, which mortgage was assigned to Chemical Bank and Trust Company, now known as Chemical Bank, by Assignment of Mortgage dated August 20, 2001, recorded August 21, 2001, in Liber 0550, Page 020, Crawford County Records (the "Mortgage"), on which Mortgage there is claimed to be an indebtedness, as defined by the Mortgage, due and unpaid in the amount of Twenty One Thousand Fifty and 96/100 Dollars (\$21,050.96), as of the date of this notice, including principal and interest, and other costs secured by the Mortgage, no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt, or any part of the debt, secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage having become operative by reason of the default.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, March 12, 2008, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, in the Crawford County Courthouse lobby, located at 200 West Michigan Avenue, in the City of Grayling, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder, at public sale, for the purpose of satisfying the unpaid amount of the indebtedness due on the Mortgage, together with legal costs and expenses of sale, certain property located in Crawford County, Michigan, described in the Mortgage as follows:

LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH BRANCH, COUNTY OF CRAWFORD, STATE OF MICHIGAN AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: THE SOUTH 43 FEET OF THE NORTH 215 FEET OF THE EAST 133 FEET OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4, SECTION 31, T25N, R4W.

Commonly known as 11538 Steckert Bridge Rd., Roscommon, Michigan.

The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of the sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2008
MILLER, CANFIELD, PADDOCK AND STONE, P.L.C.
Attorneys for Chemical Bank
By: Lori L. Purkey, Esq.
444 West Michigan Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49007
-7-14-21-28

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lawrence Chapman, An Unmarried Man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated January 30, 2006, and recorded on February 6, 2006 in Liber 679 on Page 726, in Crawford county

records, Michigan, and assigned by said Mortgagee to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Seventeen And 82/100 Dollars (\$84,917.82), including interest at 6.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 AM, on February 27, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot (s) 17, Pinewood Sites, part of the West 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4, Section 16, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, according to the recorded plat thereof

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #183209F01

-24-31-7-14

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP JANUARY 14, 2008 MEETING

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Riley, Summers, Balmes, Little and Hartman. There were 8 visitors present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Seconded and carried. Reports given by Treasurer, Supervisor and Fire Chief. There were four pieces of correspondence.

Old Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to approve the "Compactor Operation Safety Rules" plus the "Periodic Inspection, Maintenance and Auditing" policies for the new transfer site. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Discussion regarding transfer site stickers with a new bar coding system being worked on.

New Business:

1. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to accept the Poverty Guidelines for 2008 as suggested by the State. All ayes, motion carried.
2. Yearly reports were submitted: transfer site income report, Community Center Use Report and the 2007 Zoning Department Report showing permits were up approximately 15% over 2006 numbers.
3. Discussion regarding directional signs for the township. Summers and Riley will work on this with the Zoning Administrator and bring a proposal to next months meeting.
4. Motion by Balmes and seconded by Little to pay the Accounts Payable bills. All ayes, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Sharon K. Hartman, Clerk

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 at South Branch Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653 on February 12th, 2008, in conjunction with the regular board meeting. Final adoption of the 2008-2009 budget will take place during the annual meeting, scheduled to follow the regular meeting of March 11th, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended, MCLA 41.72a(2)(3) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon notice to the Township Board. Individuals with disabilities should contact the Board by writing or calling Lynn George Clerk, South Branch Township Hall, P.O. Box 606, Roscommon, MI 48653. (989) 275-8232.

CITY OF GRAYLING CRAWFORD COUNTY, MICHIGAN

AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE #69-1 AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU AND DESIGNATE PARKING VIOLATIONS WITHIN THE CITY

The City of Grayling Ordains:

SYNOPSIS:

- (1) Increases Parking Violations Fees from \$5.00 to \$20.00 if paid within seven days of issuance and \$30.00 when paid thereafter.
- (2) Clarifies certain parking violations and deletes others.

The amending ordinance was adopted by City Council on January 28, 2008. These amendments go into effect ten days after publication of this notice. A certified copy of the ordinance is available in the City Clerk's office at 1020 City Boulevard, Grayling.

Michele A. Moshier
City Clerk

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LEGAL ACTION

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Crystal Young, a single woman, as her sole and separate property, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated September 7, 2006, and recorded on September 19, 2006 in Liber 683 on Page 235, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ten And 82/100 Dollars (\$73,810.82), including interest at 8% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M., on February 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: South 1/2 of the South 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Northeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC R 248.593.1305
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #156005F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage

made by Robert J Kayga, a single man and Geraldine L. Johnson, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Plus (Michigan) Inc., Mortgagee, dated May 18, 2005, and recorded on May 26, 2005 in Liber 675 on Page 649, and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty Thousand Ninety-Two And 26/100 Dollars (\$80,092.26), including interest at 6.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M., on February 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: The East 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of section 32, towns 27 north, range 3 west Gayling Township, Crawford County Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 17, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC S 248.593.1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #182215F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kevin P Behrens, and Karen L Behrens, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated June 18, 2004, and recorded on July 8, 2004 in Liber 669 on Page 852, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Seven And 85/100 Dollars (\$64,267.85), including interest at 6.5% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a

sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M., on February 20, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Beaver Creek, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Holiday Heights Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 75, Crawford County Records, State of Michigan

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Zachary S. Russell, a married man by Aprille N. Russell attorney in fact, and Aprille N. Russell, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated August 17, 2006, and recorded on August 24, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 865, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Forty-Nine And 09/100 Dollars (\$120,349.09), including interest at 7.375% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M., on February 27, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 17, Grayling Manor, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 24, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC D 248.593.1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #178515F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Wayne Vanpell, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated July 6, 2006, and recorded on July 19, 2006 in Liber 682 on Page 405, in Crawford county records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety-Four And 38/100 Dollars (\$84,994.38), including interest at 8.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M., on March 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 2, Block 16, Roffee's Addition, City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the Plat thereof.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 31, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC H 248.593.1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #143808F02

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis D Pearce and Laura L Pearce, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Flagstar Bank, FSB, Mortgagee, dated September 21, 2001, and recorded on October 12, 2001 in Liber 0555 on Page 586, in Crawford county records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to CitiMortgage, Inc. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Forty-Seven Thousand Five Hundred And 16/100 Dollars (\$47,500.16), including interest at 7.125% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Crawford County, at 10:00 A.M., on March 5, 2008.

Said premises are situated in Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the center section 30, town 25 north, range 2 west, thence south 89 degrees 34 minutes east (along the east and west 1/4 line) 357 feet to the point of beginning thence continuing south 89 degrees 34 minutes east 294 feet; thence south 0 degrees 25 minutes west 1103 feet to the centerline of county road; thence south 74 degrees 50 minutes west (along centerline of county road) 303.75 feet; thence north 0 degrees 25 minutes west 1184.40 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of section 30, town 25 north, range 2 west

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 31, 2008
For more information, please call:
FC C 248.593.1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File #183748F01

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Emalyne Masella, A Single Woman to

Option One Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated May 24, 2005 and recorded June 6, 2005 in Liber 675 Page 780 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was subsequently assigned to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-OPT2, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred One Thousand Eight Hundred Two Dollars and Thirty-Three Cents (\$101,802.33) including interest 7.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

The South 33 feet of the Northeast one-quarter of Lot 5, except the West 86.5 feet thereof, block 4, Martha M. Brinks Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan according to the Plat, thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, Page 15, Crawford County Records.

Commonly known as 103 Date St, Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: FEBRUARY 1, 2008 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for the Certificateholders of Soundview Home Loan Trust 2005-OPT2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-OPT2,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potosivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-86614

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Barbara A. Whitney and Gary L. Whitney, Wife and Husband, to "MERS" is Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. MERS is a separate corporation that is acting solely as a nominee for Lender and Lender's successors and assigns. MERS is the mortgagee under this Security Instrument. Lender is Popular Financial Services Mortgagee, dated March 4, 2005, and recorded on March 15, 2005, in Liber 674, on Page 214, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to The Bank of New York as Trustee for Equity One, Inc. Mortgage Pass Through Certificate Series 2005-A by an assignment recorded in Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty eight thousand two hundred twenty one and 33/100 dollars (\$88,221.33) including interest at 9.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided; notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the front door to the County Building in Grayling, Michigan, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday, March 12, 2008.

Said premises are situated in the Township of Frederick, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel No. 1:
Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West; thence East 220 feet for a Place of Beginning; then South 594 feet; thence East 273.5 feet thence North 594 feet; thence West 273.5 feet to the Place of Beginning.

Parcel No. 2:
Beginning 24 rods West and 31 rods South of the Northeast corner of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, for a Place of Beginning; thence South 49 rods; to the one eighth line; thence West 26 rods; thence North 49 rods; thence East 26 rods to the Place of Beginning. Being a part of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West.

Parcel No. 3:
A part of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter of Section 11, Town 27 North, Range 4 West, described as commencing 24 rods West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest one quarter of the Northwest one quarter; thence West 26 rods; thence South 31 rods; thence East 26 rods; thence North 31 rods to the Place of Beginning.

TAX ID NUMBER 030-011-006-060-00

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MLCA 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: January 3, 2008

The Bank of New York as Trustee for Equity One, Inc. Mortgage Pass Through Certificate Series 2005-A,

assignee of Mortgagee

Richard A. Green, Attorneys,
30150 N. Telegraph Rd., Ste 444
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
(248) 540-7665

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Robert Floyd Boardman and Susan Arlene Boardman, Husband and Wife to H & R Block Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 20, 2005 and recorded December 27, 2005 in Liber 679 Page 144 Crawford County Records, Michigan Said mortgage was subsequently assigned thru mesne assignments to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation 2006-OPT3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OPT3, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Eight Dollars and Forty-Three Cents (\$65,828.43) including interest 12.35% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Crawford County at 10:00AM on February 27, 2008.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 39, Red Wing Terrace, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, Page 22, Crawford County Records

Commonly known as 331 Red Tailed Hawk Loop, Grayling MI 49738
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: JANUARY 18, 2008 Deutsche Bank National Trust Company as Trustee for HSI Asset Securitization Corporation 2006-OPT3 Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-OPT3,

Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potosivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd, Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
Our File No: 08-85911

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LEARMAN, SAROW, BIRCHLER, FITZHUGH & PURTELL, PLC IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage made by Dan R. King and Gale King, husband and wife, to GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, mortgagee in a mortgage dated November 30, 2006, and recorded in the office of the Crawford County Register of Deeds on December 5, 2006, in Liber 684, page 434, of Crawford County Records. The balance claimed owing on the mortgage at the time of this notice is One Hundred Eleven Thousand Ninety-three and 09/100 (\$111,093.09) Dollars. The mortgage contains a power of sale, and no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, take notice that the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property described in the mortgage at public auction on Wednesday, February 13, 2008, at 10:00 a.m., at the main entrance of the Crawford County Courthouse, 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, Michigan (that being the place where the Crawford County Circuit Court is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt on the mortgage, as stated above, plus interest charges at the rate of 10%, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law or contract, and also any amount which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

The property to be sold at foreclosure is described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, and described as follows, to-wit:

The Southeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, lying Easterly of County Road.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of sale pursuant to MCL §600.3240, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with statute, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: January 7, 2008
GreenStone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, Mortgagee

Drafted by:
J. Joseph Purtell, Attorney for Mortgagee
Learman, Sarow, Birchler, Fitzhugh & Purtell, PLC
900 Center Avenue
Bay City, Michigan 48708-6118
Telephone: (989) 892-0591

-10-17-24-31-7

Notice South Branch Township Board of Review

The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 M-18, Roscommon, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at 1:00 P.M.

To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday, March 10, 2008, from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.; Thursday, March 13, 2008, from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. appeal hearings.

By Board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, or fax, provided protest letter is received prior to March 10, 2008.

Tentative ratios and the estimates multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2008 areas follows:

Class	Tentative Ratio	Factor
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

This notice is posted in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA41.72a(2)(3) and the American with Disabilities Act (ADA).

The South Branch Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audiotapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting or public hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the South Branch Township Board.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the South Branch Township Board by writing or calling the following:

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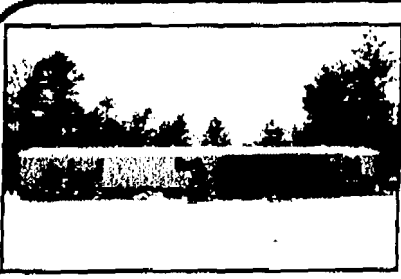
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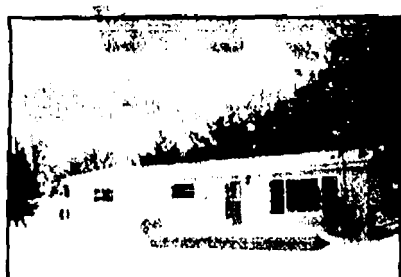


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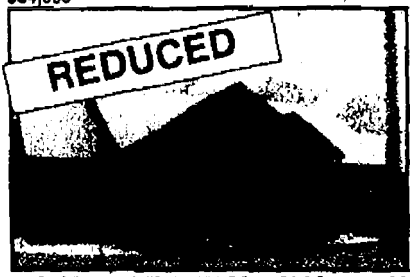
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13.8 ACRES WITH DEEDED EASEMENT TO EAST BRANCH AUSABLE RIVER - Spacious 2,300 s.f. home with 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. Featuring vaulted ceilings, hardwood and low windows, partially finished basement, hickory cabinets, gas fedstone fireplace, and knotty pine interior. Master bedroom suite. 24 x 32 attached heated garage. 2 cedar sided storage buildings, and extensive landscaping. Seller is a licensed realtor in the state of Michigan. \$289,900 CH-2608 \$289,900

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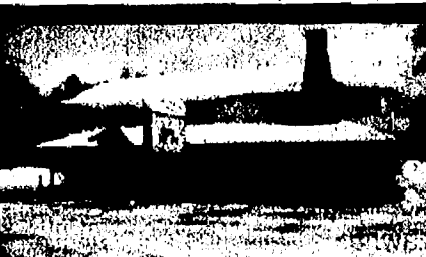
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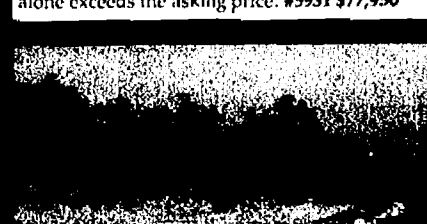
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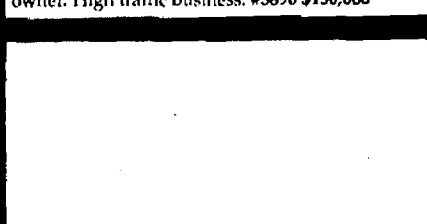
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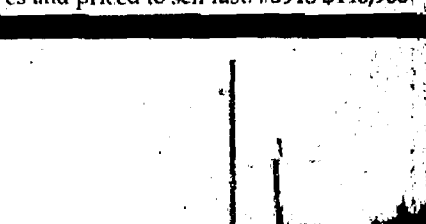
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Residential

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Residential

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Residential

This cute 3 bedroom ranch with all appliances included, newer metal roof is ready to move into. Built in 1996 and well cared for. Offers lots of storage and a deck off the back, perfect starter or retirement home. #250325 \$65,900

Residential

Nice 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with fireplace, partial basement, and new roof in 2006. This home has a guest house or play house for the kids and a large back yard. #255012 \$89,500

Residential

This gated ranch offers all the amenities of Gulliver Lakes. Private setting, full walkout basement, fireplace in living room, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 decks and 2 car garage are just a few of the attractions. This home needs a few finishing touches but is ready for the new home owner to move in. #255038 \$104,900

Residential

A nice new home, full basement. A very nice and very private home within walking distance from the AuSable River. There is a cabin and barn on the parcel also. Cabin needs work. #252476 \$295,000

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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HELP WANTED: Cook, part time/contingent. The Brook Retirement Community - Roscommon. Experience necessary. Competitive wages. Excellent working environment. Apply in person between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Deadline: February 13. (-31-7/3)

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3. Employment

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5. For Sale

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	GULL	NEXT
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SETH	SEASE	NAPS



Photos by Caleb Casey

Jason Drudge, left, and Spencer Dean, right, dribble the ball for the Vikings vs. Harbor Springs on Friday night.

Vikings win 87-53 with second half surge vs. Harbor Springs

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had a number of players that contributed to the win," Coach Moffit said.

Eleven Vikings scored points in the contest: Stapleton (22), Larm (16), Schreiber (12), Dean (9), Steffey (8), Rocky McNamara (5), Eric Ferrigan (4), Jason Drudge (4), Jacob Aubry (3), Alex Gabriel (2), and Matt McDonald (2).

On Monday night, the Vikings lost to the Boyne City Ramblers 67-58 in a make-up game at GHS.

Grayling trailed 18-17 after one quarter. The Vikings led 30-27 at halftime. Boyne City led 44-42 going into the fourth peri-

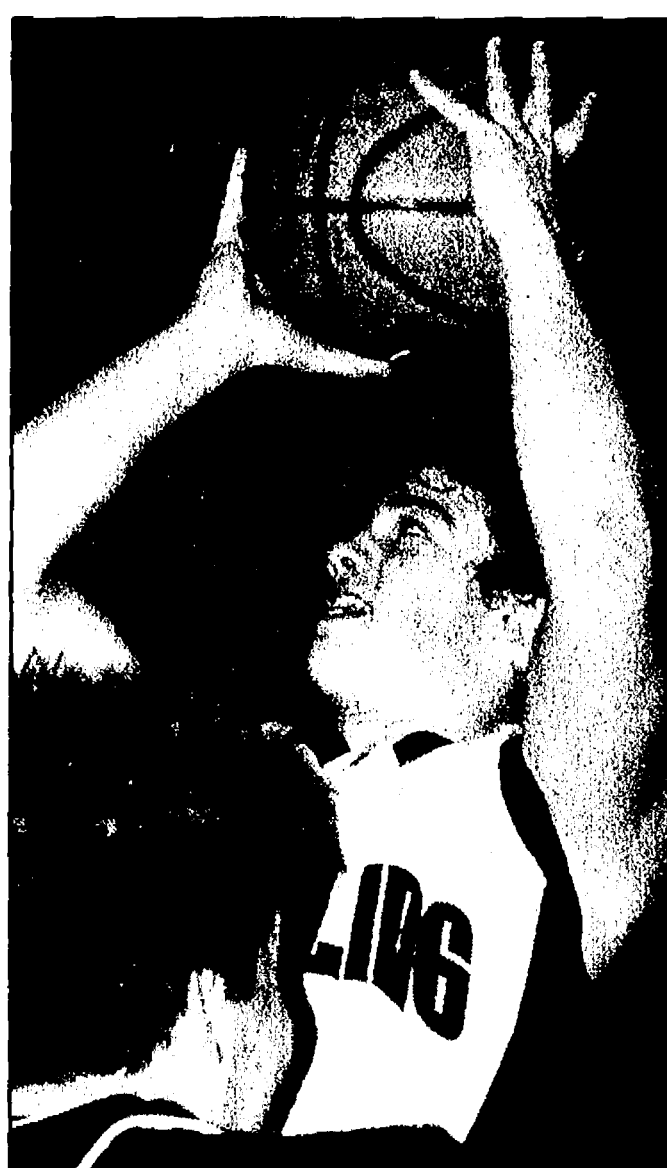
od. Schreiber hit a three-pointer to give Grayling a 45-44 edge at the fourth quarter's 7:08 mark. An inside shot and two free throws gave the Ramblers a 48-45 lead. Two free throws by Gabriel cut Boyne City's lead to one point. The Ramblers scored a jump shot to go back up by three. Two free throws by McNamara cut the Boyne City lead to one, 50-49, with 4:44 left in regulation.

The Ramblers scored nine unanswered points to lead by 10, 59-49, with 1:32 remaining in the fourth quarter. Stapleton hit two three-pointers down the stretch, but Boyne City main-

tained a lead of at least eight points throughout the game's final two minutes. The Ramblers won by nine points.

Leading scorers for Grayling included: Stapleton, 18 points; Schreiber, 11 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists, 2 steals; Gabriel, 10 points, 5 rebounds; Larm, 9 points, 4 rebounds, 3 steals; McNamara, 6 points, 5 rebounds.

The Vikings (4-11) will play at Elk Rapids on Friday, Feb. 8. On Saturday, Feb. 9, the Vikings will host Harrison in a make-up game. The contest will start at approximately 7:15 p.m., following games featuring the JV girls, JV boys, and varsity girls.



Matt McDonald, left, controls the ball for Grayling during Friday's game against Harbor Springs. Eric Ferrigan, right, shoots the ball vs. the Rams.



Trent Larm, left, takes a shot for GHS vs. Boyne City on Monday night. Rocky McNamara, right, shoots the ball vs. Harbor Springs on Friday.

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